PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'.

1885.

Ninety-eighth Annual Communication,

RALEIGH, N. C.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication will be held in the city of Raleigh, on the second Tuesday in January, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The attention of Masters of Lodges is called to Section 2, page 42, of the Code.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

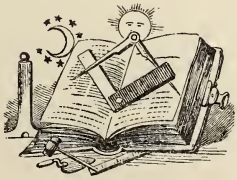
OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

AT RALEIGH,

JANUARY 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH, A. D. 1885.



RALEIGH:
E. M. UZZELL, STEAM PRINTER AND BINDER.
1885.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,.....GRAND MASTER,.....*Raleigh.*

CHARLES H. ROBINSON,.....DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,... *Wilmington.*

SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,... *Winston.*

HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,.....JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,...*Asheville.*

WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,.....GRAND TREASURER,.....*Raleigh.*

DONALD W. BAIN,.....GRAND SECRETARY,.....*Raleigh.*

OLIVER F. GREGORY,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN, ...*Charlotte.*

JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....SENIOR GRAND DEACON,.....*Shelby.*

JOHN W. COTTEN,.....JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,.....*Tarboro.*

WILLIAM N. BENTON,.....GRAND MARSHAL,.....*Smithfield.*

H. CLAY WILLIAMS,..... ...GRAND SWORD BEARER,.....*Buckland.*

JOHN A. NICHOLS,.....GRAND PURSUIVANT,.....*Marshall.*

MILES GOODWIN,.....GRAND TILER,.....*Raleigh.*

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina commenced its ninety-eighth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 13th, A. L. 5885, A. D. 1885. It was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. B. C. Phillips, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W., ROBERT BINGHAM,.....*Grand Master.*
R. W., FABIUS H. BUSBEE,.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
" CHARLES H. ROBINSON,.....*Senior Grand Warden.*
" SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....*Junior Grand Warden.*
" WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
" DONALD W. BAIN,.....*Grand Secretary.*
BRO. JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*
" JAMES M. LANE,.....*as Junior Grand Deacon.*
" WILLIAM N. BENTON,.....*Grand Marshal.*
" H. CLAY WILLIAMS, ...*Grand Sword Bearer.*
" JOHN A. NICHOLS,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
" MILES GOODWIN,.....*Grand Tiler.*

And the following Past Grand Officers:

M. W., John Nichols, Past Grand Master.
R. W., J. C. L. Gudger, Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., Thomas S. Kenan, Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., Samuel H. Rountree, Past Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. J. B. Neathery, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the report of that committee, which was read, accepted and recommitted to the committee for the completion of the same as representatives report themselves.

The following is the report complete:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials submitted to them, report Lodges represented as follows:

St. John's,	No. 1	J. I. Macks, W. M.
Royal White Hart,	" 2	R. J. Lewis, for Officers.
St. John's,	" 3	A. W. Wood, proxy for Officers.
Charity,	" 5	J. R. White, Rep., H. V. Dunston, S. W.
Phœnix,	" 8	R. W. Hardie, Rep.
American George,	" 17	H. H. Cooke, W. M.
Phalanx,	" 31	W. F. Beasley, Rep.
Davie,	" 39	J. E. Tynes, W. M., P. C. Jenkins, S. W., J. R. White, proxy for J. W.
Hiram,	" 40	S. M. Parish, W. M., G. Rosenthal, proxy for S. W., Theo. Joseph, J. W.
King Solomon,	" 56	R. T. Stephenson, W. M., H. E. Hoggard, proxy for S. W.
Concord,	" 58	John W. Cotten, Rep.
Golden Fleece,	" 74	George Williamson, Rep.
Widow's Son,	" 75	H. W. Scott, S. W.
Greensboro,	" 76	J. F. Jerrell, J. A. Pritchett, Reps.
Fellowship,	" 84	W. N. Benton, proxy for Officers.
Morning Star,	" 85	J. J. Cockrell, W. M.
Joseph Warren,	" 92	F. M. Moye, W. M.
Jerusalem,	" 95	F. M. Rountree, Rep.
St. John's,	" 96	S. H. Rountree, Sr, W. M.
Wake Forest,	" 97	J. L. Markham, J. W.
Hiram,	" 98	J. M. Marshburn, W. M., O. L. Chesnutt, Rep.
Clinton,	" 107	H. F. Brandon, Rep
Belmont,	" 108	B. H. Hatcher, Rep.
Franklin,	" 109	F. Borden Mace, W. M., L. A. Potter, J. W.
Wayne,	" 112	J. Frank Dobson, W. M.
Holly Spring,	" 115	J. M. Jones, W. M., T. A. Council, S. W., James Langston, J. W.
Mt. Lebanon,	" 117	E. M. Nadal, W. M., T. S. Kenan, proxy for S. W.
Franklinton,	" 123	W. H. Mitchell, W. M., B. J. Blackley, S. W., N. Long, proxy for J. W.
Mill Creek,	" 125	W. N. Benton, proxy for Officers.
Radiance,	" 132	Wm. A. Darden, proxy for Officers.

Mocksville,	No	134	Hugh E. Robertson, Rep.
King Solomon,	"	138	John T. Bland, Rep.
Mount Energy,	"	140	M. L. Winston, W. E. Bullock, B. Jones, proxies for Officers.
Carolina,	"	141	Thomas Badger, proxy for Rep.
Palmyra,	"	147	N. S. Stewart, C. C. McClelland, Reps.
Adoniram,	"	149	G. W. Watkins, W. M., B. T. Winston, S. W., G. W. Pittard, J. W.
White Stone,	"	155	W. H. Chamblee, W. M.
Rolesville,	"	156	C. H. Horton, W. M.
Mount Pleasant,	"	157	D. Peed, W. M.
Knap of Reeds,	"	158	John A. Waller, W. M., B. Tilley, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Yadkin,	"	162	J. A. Nichols, Proxy.
Archer,	"	165	J. R. Barnes, W. M.
Winston,	"	167	A. W. Wood, proxy for Officers.
Blackmer,	"	170	H. A. Gudger, Rep.
Buffalo,	"	172	W. E. Murchison, W. M., J. R. Watson, S. W.
George Washington,	"	174	D. C. Goodwin, J. W.
Polloksville,	"	175	D. W. Bain, proxy for Officers.
Sandy Creek,	"	185	N. H. Murphy, Rep.
Central Cross,	"	187	T. W. Stokes, S. W., and proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Granite,	"	191	W. H. Lancaster, W. M., J. H. Jones, J. W.
Eagle Rock,	"	201	P. P. Pace, S. W.
Cleveland,	"	202	J. W. Gidney, Rep.
Mingo,	"	206	Robert A. Draughon, W. M.
Richland,	"	214	J. A. Leach, W. M., H. W. Reinhart, J. W.
William G. Hill,	"	218	E. M. Uzzell, W. M., Charles Wallin, S. W., C. B. Edwards, J. W.
Jonesville,	"	227	R. H. Freeland, Rep.
McCormick,	"	228	J. O. A. Kelly, W. M.
Corinthian,	"	230	D. Abram, Rep.
William T. Bain,	"	231	W. R. Stephenson, W. M.
Lenoir,	"	233	S. I. Sutton, W. M.
Anchor,	"	234	Y. L. Smith, Rep., R. Kelly, S. W.
Mystic Tie,	"	237	John S. Brown, proxy for Officers
Atlantic,	"	238	W. H. Cowell, Rep.
Rountree,	"	243	Lewis Kilpatrick, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Monroe,	"	244	H. B. Adams, W. M.

New Bern,	No. 245	David Rosenthal	proxy for Officers.
Lily Valley,	" 252	H. Clay Williams	W. M.
Lee,	" 253	E. B. Jones	Rep.
Beulah,	" 257	W. H. Grice	Rep.
Harnett,	" 258	A. N. Campbell	W. M.
Waynesville,	" 259	J. C. L. Gudger	proxy for Officers.
Hibriten,	" 262	R. R. Wakefield	proxy for Officers.
Farmington,	" 265	J. W. Wiseman	proxy for Officers.
Watauga,	" 273	E. F. Lovill	Rep.
Beaver Dam,	" 276	H. B. Adams	proxy for Officers.
Green Level,	" 277	A. C. Council, W. M., W. B. Upchurch, J. W.	
Eureka,	" 283	J. H. Burrage, S. W., and proxy for W. M. and J. W.	
Salem,	" 289	A. W. Wood	Rep.
French Broad,	" 292	H. A. Gudger, J. W., J. A. Nichols, Rep.	
Evergreen,	" 303	L. McN. McDonald	W. M.
Pleasant Hill,	" 304	W. B. Nunn	W. M.
Laurinburg,	" 305	W. H. McLaurin	W. M.
Patterson,	" 307	H. T. J. Ludwig	W. M.
Randolph,	" 309	B. W. Steed	Rep.
Hatcher,	" 310	E. G. Barnes, W. M., D. M. Stott, S. W.	
New Lebanon,	" 314	H. W. Scott	proxy for Officers.
Jerusalem,	" 315	D. W. Bain	proxy for Officers.
Wilmington,	" 319	J. I. Macks	proxy for Officers.
Selma,	" 320	R. J. Noble	W. M.
Granite,	" 322	H. M. Cowan	Rep.
Wentworth,	" 324	Geo. Williamson	proxy for J. W.
Falling Creek,	" 325	A. A. Grantham, S. W., J. G. Keen, C. Warrick, proxy for W. M. and S. W.	
Bayboro,	" 331	W. D. Alfred	W. M.
Lock's Creek,	" 333	C. D. Rice	Rep.
Fairview,	" 339	B. F. Dixon	proxy for Officers.
Harmony,	" 340	N. J. Smith	W. M.
Cedar Fork,	" 342	J. M. Pugh	S. W.
Numa F. Reid,	" 344	J. R. Brown	Rep.
Trap Hill,	" 346	R. H. Freeland	J. W.
Durham,	" 352	James W. Blackwell	proxy for Officers.
Dellaplane,	" 355	L. Harrill	Rep.
Double Shoal,	" 356	J. W. Gidney	proxy for Officers.
East La Porte,	" 358	R. H. Brown	Rep.
Mt. Vernon,	" 359	James M. Lane	W. M.
Mt. Pisgah,	" 368	L. D. Baucom	Proxy.
Olive Branch,	" 371	D. P. Meacham	W. M.

ELK,	No. 373	E. F. Lovill	Rep.
STATE LINE,	" 375	J. W. Gidney	Rep.
YOUNGSVILLE,	" 377	J. J. Barrow, S. W., W. D. Spruill, proxy for W. M. and J. W.	
SEABOARD,	" 378	A. B. Danghtrey	W. M.
GRANVILLE,	" 380	A. L Davis	proxy for S. W.
FOREST CITY,	" 381	John B. Harrill	Rep.
STATESVILLE,	" 383	L. Harrill	Rep.
REIDSVILLE,	" 384	D. W. Bain	proxy for Officers.
TEMPERANCE,	" 389	Calvin Cox	W. M.
COPELAND,	" 390	W. M. Norman	W. M.
TALLY HO,	" 393	John W. Booth, W. M., Sherman Peed, S. W.	
CAPE FEAR	" 394	W. Hatcher, W. M., R. B. Wilson, proxy for S. W.	
OXFORD,	" 396	R. V. Minor	W. M.

J. B. NEATHERY, for Committee.

The Grand Master delivered his annual address and referred the same to a special committee composed of Bros. John Nichols, P. G. M., Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., and B. C. Phillips.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Another year with its labors and its duties has gone, and with the beginning of the new year I rise to offer you fraternal greetings and to congratulate you upon the general prosperity with which our order, the State and the country have been blessed.

PAST GRAND MASTER H. F. GRAINGER.

But we miss one familiar and beloved face. Past Grand Master H. F. Grainger has been called from labor to eternal refreshment. As a gentleman, as a Christian, as a man, as a Mason, as a Grand Master, his ability, his zeal, his gentleness, his piety, his fidelity to duty, were conspicuous, and justify his being taken both by the initiated and by the profane as one of our noblest examples of Christian and Masonic manhood.

Mingling our tears with those of his bereaved family, let us take his example as a precious legacy of faith, hope and charity.

I announce the death, also, of Past Junior Grand Warden James H. Moore, a brother beloved, and hope this Grand Body will take proper notice of his death as well as that of P. G. M. Grainger.

THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It gives me pleasure to say that the general condition of our order is encouraging. There have been some personal differences among brethren. There has been a lack of zeal in individuals and in lodges. But, on the whole, I feel safe in saying that we are in as good condition as any sister jurisdiction in the South, and in a better condition than most others. While not more lodges have ceased to work than usual, eleven new lodges have been chartered and two dormant lodges have been revived, thirteen in all, a larger number than during any year for several previous years.

PROPERTY OF EXTINCT LODGES.

In the disposition of the property of extinct lodges, as in all other matters, I have exercised no prerogative, but have endeavored to confine myself strictly not only to the spirit, but to the letter of the law. But the conditions which I find in the case of the property of Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro, are anomalous, and I deem it best to refer the matter to this Grand Body. The property consists of a lodge building and a town lot, and is valued at from five hundred to one thousand dollars. But there seems to be some legal complication about the title, and there has been a judgment against the property since January 5th, 1877, which, with the accrued interest, amounts to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

I recommend that a committee be appointed with powers to make a final adjustment of the matter.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to refer brethren to numerous decisions already made and distinctly recorded, but no question has arisen during the year involving any new principle of Masonic law, or any special interpretation of any old principle.

A WORSHIPFUL MASTER SUSPENDED.

Formal charges having been made against Worshipful Master R. H. Champion, of Forest City Lodge, No. 381, I suspended him from office on the 6th of December last, and summoned him to appear before this Grand Body for trial.

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

I have visited the Asylum, in company with the directors, three times during the year. At the December meeting of the directors I made a very careful inspection of the institution, and conversed freely as to its condition with the Superintendent, with his wife, and the teachers, with the inmates and with the citizens of Oxford, and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that without a single exception the testimony was very strong in favor of the administration. I believe that the Superintendent is a God's man, and that his wife

is a God's woman for this work, and that in their hands the future of the institution is assured beyond a peradventure. For particulars I refer you to the report of the directors and of the Superintendent, and to this most crucial test, that despite his beginning more than three months after the opening of the year, despite the political excitement, despite the very severe financial pressure, despite the institution's being in a transition state, despite these untoward circumstances, the Superintendent has collected from all sources fourteen thousand six hundred and fifty-three dollars and seventy cents in a fiscal year of nine months, as has been already stated, which is three hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty-three cents more than has ever been collected before in any single year of twelve months—a fact which needs no comment.

FEMALE INFLUENCE AND CO-OPERATION.

But I think that we do not sufficiently realize the potency of female influence and co-operation. As far as I can find out, our Asylum is the only charity for children in the United States where official effort has not been made to conciliate the active good will and to secure the active co-operation of women. I, therefore, repeat the recommendation which I made last year, that a committee of our most prominent ladies, under some name, be appointed in some way, who shall be earnestly requested to visit the Asylum at least once a year and to report its condition, its management and its needs, as they see them, to the directors or directly to this Grand Body at each Annual Communication, and who shall take the necessary steps to organize committees of ladies in every community in the State, with instructions to create an interest in our work for orphan children in every way they can, and as only women can. Whatever you may think of this recommendation, I assure you that having studied the subject within a year from Massachusetts to Minnesota, from Louisiana to Florida, I find that we are behind any State east of the Mississippi in utilizing this simple and common sense idea in the management of charities for children.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S WIFE.

As a further move in the same direction, I repeat the recommendation which I made last year that the Superintendent's wife be made a factor in the institution in some capacity, as Lady Principal, Secretary, Treasurer, or under some other name. I make this recommendation without Mrs. Dixon's knowledge, and against Dr. Dixon's wishes, in simple justice to a woman who is performing arduous and indispensable duties without compensation or recognition and without the expectation of either.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

I venture to make one more suggestion, namely, that the Asylum be made less a school of letters and more a school of industrial training. We have

control of the children for twenty-four hours every day instead of for five or six hours, as in the public schools, and for fifty-two weeks in the year instead of for forty, as in other schools of every class. We can keep them as long as we deem it desirable without interference on the part of parents, and every one of them, humanly speaking, will have to earn a living by the work of his hands. Industrial training has become the leading idea in public education among progressive communities on both sides of the ocean. The most striking thing I saw in the industrial exhibit of the National Educational Association at Madison, Wis., in July last, was a lathe for turning iron and steel, of the most beautiful design, and of the most perfect construction, and commanding the highest price in the market, and manufactured in recreation hours by the students of the University of Wisconsin, whose literary acquirements are in no way damaged by their having become skilled mechanists. Let us make a forward movement and ask the Legislature for an appropriation sufficient to enable us to give our orphans the great advantage of being skilled workmen, by combining industrial and literary training in harmonious proportions?

CLOSING REMARK.

And now brethren, I have but one more word to say. A Grand Master's gavel has been wielded by royal princes. A Grand Master's jewel has been worn by kings. I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and for the unvarying courtesy and kindness which I have received from the officers of the Grand Lodge, from Past Grand Masters and other brethren prominent among us, and from the fraternity at large.

I have done the duty assigned me to the best of my ability, and if I have given offence to any, it was only because I thought, whether correct or not, that official duty required me to do what I did.

I now return the Grand Master's gavel and the Grand Master's jewel to you, with the hope and belief that you will find some one who will wield the one and wear the other as faithfully as I have endeavored to do and much more successfully.

ROBERT BINGHAM, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Secretary submitted the following as his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Books and Accounts of that officer:

REPORT.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
RALEIGH, January 13th, 1885.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have the honor to submit another annual report, in which a brief account of the transactions of this office for the past year is given.

The correspondence with the lodges, as well as individual members of the fraternity, has, perhaps, been more extensive than formerly. For nearly every day in the year the time and attention of the Grand Secretary have been demanded. As the result of the year's work I can report advancement. The brethren are moving in almost every section in establishing new lodges, and while some lodges *have* been established, other applications are held awaiting a full compliance with the law before the action of the Grand Master can be obtained.

I am pleased to say that, from indications, Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is making an effort to keep pace with the material progress of the State. The returns thus far received indicate a net increase of membership.

Non-affiliated Masons are seeking re-affiliation in new lodges or in chartered lodges, and I notice that a large number who have remained, for years, non-affiliated, are renewing their allegiance as regular members.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

Ten new lodges have been established by the dispensation of the Grand Master, as follows:

1884.

January	18th.	*Pigeon River*—at Pigeon River, Haywood county.
January	23d.	*Orient*—at Wilmington, New Hanover county.
February	19th.	*Temperance*—at Coxville, Pitt county.
February	19th.	*Lebanon*—at Beaver Creek Village, Cumberland county.
May	23d.	*White Rock*—at White Rock, Madison county.
June	24th.	*Oxford*—at Oxford, Granville county.
September	24th.	*Tally Ho*—at Tally Ho, Granville county.
October	14th.	*Mooresboro*—at Mooresboro, Cleveland county.
November	14th.	*Kedron*—at Hendersonville, Henderson county.
December	25th.	*Union*—at Enochville, Rowan county.

Union Lodge, at Union, Moore county; Cumberland Lodge, at Little River Academy, Cumberland county; Scottsville Lodge, at Scottsville, Ashe county, and Copeland Lodge, at Copeland, Surry county, were continued under dispensation.

The five lodges receiving charters at the last Annual Communication, with numbers 380 to 384, both inclusive, were promptly and regularly constituted and proceeded to work.

The charters of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 143, in Chatham county, and Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237, at Marion, McDowell county, have been restored and these lodges have resumed work.

EXTINCT LODGES.

Johnston Caswell Lodge, No. 10, at Warrenton, Warren county, and Stokes Lodge, No. 32, at Concord, Cabarrus county, have again ceased work. All

efforts on the part of a few members of each lodge, in addition to the encouragement given by the Grand Lodge in remitting arrearages of dues, failed. It is to be especially regretted that these, two of our oldest lodges, though for many years working, or attempting to work, under difficulties, should have been compelled to cease their operations.

In consequence of delinquency, under the law in making returns and paying dues for two successive years, the following lodges have forfeited their charters:

Warren, No. 101, Kenansville, Duplin county; Orr, No. 104, Washington, Beaufort county; Conoho, No. 131, Hamilton, Martin county; Cherokee, No. 146, Murphy, Cherokee county; Oaks, No. 255, Orange county; Mount Moriah, No. 350, Battleboro, Edgecombe county; Marlboro, No. 365, Marlboro, Pitt county; Jachin, No. 367, Clarkton, Bladen county, and Life Boat, No. 376, Merry Oaks, Wake county.

Efforts have been made and are still making to induce some of these lodges (such as are not hopelessly disbanded) to resume work. The efforts have met with encouragement. The other lodges seem to be beyond resuscitation, having begun with small memberships and in localities which, it seems, did not furnish material enough to insure their active operation. They met with an additional discouragement and embarrassment from the lack of interest which even the membership exhibited, which, being small in some cases, did not furnish a quorum for the transaction of business.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

Harnett Lodge, No. 258, has removed from Harnett Chapel, Harnett county, to Hector's Creek Academy, same county; and Granite Lodge No. 291, Clayton, Johnston county, and Buffalo Lodge, No. 172, Jonesboro, Moore county, have removed a short distance from their respective localities. The law in each case was complied with.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I can report continued improvement on the part of most secretaries in making returns. Yet I commend to them the law and regulations demanding care and accuracy, which are necessary to a proper charge against the lodges for dues, and in order to relieve the Grand Secretary of a very extensive correspondence which the incorrectness of the returns, in many respects, requires.

REVENUE.

The receipts for the Masonic year are three thousand three hundred and nine dollars and ninety-eight cents, stated as follows:

Dues from lodges for the year 1883 and previous years	$3,087 50
Charters, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	95 00
Dispensations, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	90 00

Sales of the Code	21 00
Diplomas and Grand Lodge Proceedings	3 50
Sale of property of an extinct lodge	3 25
Funds remaining in the treasury of two lodges at the time of surrender of charters	9 73
Total amount	$3,309 98

This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, for which I have his receipts.

The books of this office are ready for the inspection of the committee to whom they will be referred.

The receipts for dues do not show a complete payment on the part of the lodges, according to the aggregate of membership. The lodges seem to be doing their best in meeting the demands upon them, but many of them have suffered embarrassments which rendered it necessary to extend indulgence in order to save their charters.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The representatives of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Missouri, respectively William B. Langridge and B. O. Austin, have died. They were faithful in their attention to our interests.

Bro. George E. Walker has been appointed our representative for Missouri.

The following representatives for other jurisdictions near this Grand Body have been appointed:

R. W., Eugene Grissom, for Minnesota.

R. W., Charles H. Robinson, for Iowa.

Bro. Henry M. Cowan, for Maryland.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The amendment to the constitution in respect to the office of Deputy Grand Master was again submitted to the lodges during the year for their action.

The amendment proposed is as follows:

"Insert in Article II, after section 2: 'SECTION 3. A Deputy Grand Master shall be annually chosen in the same manner and by the same vote as required for the election of Grand Master.'

In section 4, strike out the words 'his Deputy and.'

Sections 3 to 7 renumber 4 to 8."

The intention of the amendment is to make the Deputy Grand Master an elective officer.

As announced in my last annual report, the number of lodges entitled to vote was two hundred. To this date I have received from one hundred and sixty-four Lodges the official announcement of their action. The number (two-thirds) necessary to adopt it is one hundred and thirty-four. One hundred and thirty-nine lodges having voted in the affirmative, the amendment is adopted.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

I have continued my efforts in behalf of this enterprise and am pleased to report a number of valuable additions to the volumes. I am especially pleased to report a valuable contribution of twenty-three volumes (some of which are old and rare works) by Past Grand Master Alonzo T. Jerkins. He says in his letter accompanying the gift that he hopes the Grand Lodge will accept the books as an evidence of his continued interest in its welfare. I made acknowledgment to our M. W. Brother in the name of the Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL COURTESY.

In May last I received from R. W., Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a communication giving information of the discovery in the vault of his office of an old diploma plate, engraved in English and French, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which had probably been in the possession of his Grand Lodge for fifty years. He kindly surrendered the same and it is now in my possession. I made proper acknowledgment of the courtesy.

I have thus, brethren, reported on such matters appertaining to the duties of this office as their importance admitted.

With prayer for the guidance of that Spirit which is so essential to proper and useful legislation and that happy results may accrue, this report is fraternally submitted.

DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,
In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

	DR.		
	To amount received from Grand Secretary for past Masonic year,.....	$ 3,309	98
	CR.		
	By am't due Grand Treasurer as per last annual report,	$ 49	34
1884.	By amounts paid out as follows:		
Jan. 10	To John W. Cotten, Grand Marshal, expenses attending Annual Communication,.....	11	25
Jan. 11	John W. Gidney, Junior Grand Deacon, expenses attending Annual Communication,.....	27	75
	Amount carried forward,.....	$ 88	34

1884.	Amount brought forward,	$ 88	34
Jan. 11	Charles H. Robinson, Senior Grand Warden, expenses attending Annual Communication,	17	05
Jan. 11	Samuel H. Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses attending Annual Communication,	14	70
Jan. 11	G. Rosenthal, services as Assistant Grand Secretary,	25	00
Jan. 14	Miles Goodwin, Grand Tiler, services three days, washing aprons, repairing chairs, &c.,	36	90
Jan. 25	Denmark & Co., for a letter-book,	1	50
Feb. 1	Edwards, Broughton & Co., binding volumes for Grand Lodge library, and for sundry printing for Grand Master and Grand Secretary,	81	30
Feb. 8	J. H. Mills, Sup't, on account Oxford Orphan Asylum	1,000	00
Feb. 8	Uzzell & Gatling, printing for Grand Lodge,	11	50
Feb. 15	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, postage stamps purchased for use of Grand Lodge,	4	00
Feb. 15	P. F. Pescud & Son, Insurance Agents, premium on insurance Orphan Asylum buildings,	63	75
Feb. 25	Robert Bingham, Grand Master, traveling expenses, telegrams, postage, expenses to Annual Communication, and salary of Private Secretary paid by him,	128	50
March 1	*News and Observer*, advertising,	7	00
Mar. 25	North Carolina Home Insurance Co., insurance on press and printing material,	20	00
Mar. 29	North Carolina Home Insurance Co. and New York Underwriters' Agency, insurance on Orphan Asylum buildings,	42	50
Mar. 31	John Nichols, Postmaster, box rent for Grand Secretary,	2	25
May 7	Uzzell & Gatling, printing and binding 1,100 copies of annual proceedings of Grand Lodge, 97th Annual Communication,	249	50
May 30	North Carolina Home Insurance Co., insurance on contents of Grand Secretary's office,	7	50
May 30	John Nichols, Postmaster, stamps for sending off annual proceedings,	36	93
June 3	Robert Bingham, Grand Master, expenses attending meetings of Directors of Orphan Asylum and Northampton court in the interest of the Grand Lodge,	42	50
Oct. 18	John Nichols, Postmaster, box rent and postage stamps for Grand Secretary	4	75
Oct. 18	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, salary for year 1883	700	00
1885.			
Jan. 9	Dr. B. F. Dixon, Sup't, on account appropriation for Oxford Orphan Asylum,	500	00
Jan. 9	Commissions allowed Grand Treasurer for the past Masonic year,	150	00
	Total,	$ 3,235	47

	RÉSUMÉ.	
	Received from Grand Secretary past Masonic year (see Grand Secretary's report),	$ 3,309 98
	Amount expended past Masonic year as above,	3,235 47
	Leaving balance on hand new Masonic year,	$ 74 51

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the revenues of the Grand Lodge are not sufficient to provide for the annual appropriation made by this Grand Body for the support and maintenance of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. For the Masonic year 1883, when the appropriation was two thousand dollars, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars only could be paid to its Superintendent, owing to the lack of funds in the Grand treasury. This payment, together with the other necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, left the treasury in debt to the Grand Treasurer, as will be seen by reference to my annual report for that year. During the past Masonic year, until within a few days past, the Superintendent had drawn but one-half of the appropriation, to-wit, one thousand dollars, not because it had not been needed by him, but because at the time it *was* needed, there was not money enough in the Grand treasury to respond to his requisition. I offered to raise money for his use by borrowing on the faith of prospective revenues, as I had heretofore done, but he preferred not to resort to this means of relieving his wants, so long as it could possibly be avoided. Later in the year, when, by payment by the subordinate lodges of their dues, enough money had been accumulated in the treasury to pay him one-half of the balance due him on the appropriation, to-wit, five hundred dollars, I promptly notified him that I would honor his draft for that amount, but the season having then arrived when the hearts of the people of the whole State seem peculiarly to be stirred in behalf of the orphan work, outside contributions poured in to such an extent that it was then unnecessary for him to call upon your weak treasury for even the half of what was then due him, and has only done so within the past few days, and there is still the sum of five hundred dollars due the Asylum on the last year's appropriation.

The fact is not to be disguised, however, that serious disaster might occur to this noble work, if other resources should unfortunately fail when the Grand treasury is weak, and if in any event the Grand Treasurer should not be able to come to the assistance of the Asylum by borrowing money for its uses when there is none in the Grand treasury. I earnestly commend to your attention the necessity of finding a remedy for this state of affairs. I would suggest that, at least, authority should be conferred on the Grand Master or on the Grand Treasurer, or on both conjointly, to borrow such money as may be at such times wanted for the urgent needs of the Asylum, not to exceed one thousand dollars, and to pledge the prospective revenues of the Grand Lodge for this purpose, if necessary, thus making such action authoritative.

The legacy of the late Hon. Bartholomew F. Moore, for the use of the Orphan Asylum, one thousand dollars, remains invested on bond and mortgage to a citizen of Johnston county, and is well secured; the interest on the same, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, has been paid and placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Asylum in bank. It has been suggested that a better disposition of this fund would be to collect the bond, and use the principal money in part payment of obligations of the Directors of the Orphan Asylum, given for the purchase of certain lands recently acquired by the Asy-

lum, adjacent to its property in Oxford, and on which I am informed the purchase money is still due, and which bears the same rate of interest as is received on this bond and mortgage. If, upon inquiry, it should be found that such disposition of the money is consistent with the terms of the will of the donor, I recommend that it be made, upon the principle that the safest investment that can be made is the purchase of a party's own paper.

Insurance has been maintained on the main building of the Asylum, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, as has been done for many years. The new brick building is not, and has never been, insured, owing to the absence of any instructions from the Grand Lodge and the opinion of the former Superintendent that it was so safe as not to need insurance. The present Superintendent is also of opinion that danger of fire is so remote as not to call for its insurance. If, however, it should be burned, it is manifest that it would be a hard task for this Grand Lodge, in the absence of any insurance, and with its present limited revenues, to rebuild within a reasonable time. If, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, this building ought to be insured, the Grand Treasurer should be so instructed.

As chairman of the committee on printing, I report that, as usual, bids for printing and binding the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge were invited, and the work awarded Messrs. Uzzell & Gatling, they being the lowest bidders. The cost was $249.50, and the work is before you and speaks for itself. It is fully up to the standard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams, from the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum, submitted a report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum met in Raleigh, January 24th, 1884, for the purpose of organization.

The term for which each Director is to serve is as follows, to-wit: Thos. S. Kenan, five years; J. S. Carr, four years; H. H. Munson, three years; Henry T. Bahnson, one year, and A. H. A. Williams, two years.

A. H. A. Williams was elected Secretary to the Board.

Bro. H. F. Grainger, who was elected by the Grand Lodge, declined to serve, and Bro. H. T. Bahnson, of Salem, was elected to fill the vacancy. The Board meets in Oxford on the first Tuesday in April, August and December.

On the 25th January, 1884, Bro. J. H. Mills was elected Superintendent of the Asylum. He declined to serve, and on the 1st April, 1884, Dr B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland county, was elected to supply the vacancy. On the 7th October, 1884, Bro. H. H. Munson resigned, and Bro. C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh, was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Board of Directors adopted a uniform code of by-laws.

For further information, and for the details of the management of the Asylum, we refer to the report of the Superintendent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
Sec. Board of Directors.

Bro. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present my report of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, closing with December 31st, 1884.

Amount on hand at beginning of year	$ 1,457 20
Mrs. Walker's donation	1,000 00
Miss Sallie Jones' donation	805 71
Contributions	10,990 79
Total	$14,253 70
Disbursements	12,589 42
Amount now on hand	$1,664 28

There were 125 children in the Asylum at the beginning of the year. Seventy-two have been admitted and 44 have been discharged, leaving 153 children now in the institution. Many of those discharged have useful and lucrative employment, and six have been adopted into excellent homes and their prospects are very bright for the future.

We are thankful to Almighty God that but one connected with the Orphan Asylum has died during the year.

George Hancock, of Orange county, was admitted to the Asylum in November and died in the hospital December 20th. He passed away peacefully and quietly. The Superintendent preached his funeral sermon on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, at 2 o'clock, in the Asylum chapel. The children all seemed greatly affected.

We buried George in the cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in the presence of all the children of the Asylum. He was a good boy and much beloved by all. We sincerely mourn his death.

HEALTH.

We had a few sporadic cases of diphtheria, malignant in type, but were enabled to control it by isolation and thorough disinfection. An epidemic of whooping-cough prevailed during the month of July, in which about 70 of the children were attacked, but having passed through that fearful scourge without loss of life, we now regard it as a blessing in disguise. We have also had isolated cases of the many diseases incident to childhood.

Permit me to call attention to the fact that, although, from obvious reasons, the health and physical condition of children received into the Asylum could not be expected to compare with that of an equal number of average children, yet the sickness and fatality in the Asylum falls far below the average among the children in the homes of the people.

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Directory, I have accepted the surrender of the *Friend* from Mr. Thomas, and the paper is now published in the Asylum building, entirely in the interest of the Asylum. Mr. Thomas has been employed as manager of the Printing Department at a salary of $50 per month. I think the present arrangement much preferable to the one that heretofore existed. The nearer the paper is allied to the Asylum, the greater its influence for good and the greater its receipts. The falling off of receipts during the past year is somewhat unaccountable, unless it be from the fact that many regarded the paper as an independent enterprise, while many others disapproved of the manner in which it was published, and used their influence against it. In a short while the boys who have been placed in the office will be able to do nearly all the mechanical work, when the expenses of the paper will be reduced accordingly.

IMPROVEMENTS.

During this year we have had the furnaces in the basement of the main building repaired and new pipes furnished, and the building is consequently much better heated than before. We have also purchased some new stoves for the rooms not heated by registers.

At the boys' building we have now a splendid well of water, sunk at considerable expense, however, as it was through a granite formation from the top to the bottom, a distance of about thirty-five feet, the gravel of which I utilized in making gravel walks around the main building.

The roof of the hospital has been repaired. Bath-tubs have been furnished for the bath-house and troughs erected to convey the water from the well to the same. Some repairing and painting has been done to the parlor of the old building, as well as to other portions.

The diet of the children has been carefully considered, including the character of the food as well as the cooking of it, and while this has not been what we desired, still the prospect now is that we will be able to make much better arrangements in the future.

The children have been well clothed and have at all times presented a neat appearance. Very good order and discipline have been maintained.

During the year we made an appeal to the ladies of the State for money with which to purchase cows for the Asylum. The sum of $270 was secured, for which I bought 12 cows, and as a consequence, have been enabled to give the children milk and butter during the summer and autumn, and with our large pasturage, the cows have cost us very little in feed, and the expenses of the table have been materially reduced.

For the quarterly examinations hitherto had in the Asylum, we have introduced monthly entertainments, consisting of dialogues, speeches, essays, music, &c., by the children, and the names of those upon the roll of honor are publicly announced at each entertainment.

Only fifteen hundred dollars have been received from the appropriation of the Grand Lodge during this year. Some action should be taken at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge by which this deficit can be met.

THE POWELL ESTATE.

I find from the inventory filed by the executors of the Powell estate, that the following notes and claims in action came into their hands, to-wit:

One note for $664.08, carrying interest at 8 per cent. from the 15th day of January, 1882, against E. A. Powell. This note was secured by a mortgage upon 100 acres of land of inferior quality. The land was sold by the executors at public auction and brought $250. They have taken judgment against Powell for balance due on said note.

One note against J. T. Lawrence for $555.74, carrying interest at 8 per cent. from 13th April, 1882. This note was good and has been collected.

One note against A. C. Stallings for $100, at 8 per cent. interest from April 18th, 1882. Also one note for $92.70, at 8 per cent. interest from July 18th, 1882. Both of these have been collected.

The aggregate receipts by the executors from all sources to date, as they inform me, amount to the sum of $2,117.91. They have disbursed up to date the sum of $782.21, as follows: $175 in payment of judgment in favor of L. L. Kitchen; account of Drs. Woods & McDowell, $114.20; account of Dr. J. A. Cullins, $147.44; judgment in favor of J. C. Pittman, $262.50; other items not necessary to mention.

Mr. Powell directed in his will that the sum of $400 be used in fixing an iron railing around his grave-yard. He also directed some other work to be done which will amount to about $50.

There is still one suit pending against the estate in favor of J. A. Perry for $200. The attorneys say he will not recover to exceed $50.

I have received from the executors in cash $400, four bonds against the county of Halifax for $100 each, and two notes secured by real estate which aggregate about $312. These are well secured and bear 8 per cent., payable annually.

In addition to this there are unpaid judgments against the county of Halifax amounting to something over $200. which will be collected.

A tract of land of 200 acres, which, by judicious management, may be made to turn out $1,000. Another of 40 acres, swamp, which can be sold for $150, completes the bequest.

THE FARM.

Under the management of Mr. W. L. Robards, our Asylum farm has been advantageous to us during the year. We have raised 100 barrels of corn, 50 bushels of wheat, hay and fodder sufficient for the Asylum, and vegetables in sufficient quantities for uses of the Asylum during the spring, summer and autumn. We have killed 1,000 pounds of pork and still have as much to butcher. A great deal of ditching and cleaning up had to be done during this year in order to get the farm in a condition to yield a good harvest in the future. It is now in good condition and much better results may be expected.

Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the railroads of the State for many favors; also to the press of the State for words of kindness and encouragement; to the churches, orders, societies and benevolent individuals who have so generously aided us during the year.

I cannot too highly commend the services of the ladies in behalf of the Asylum where I have been able to form aid societies during the year. I would respectfully ask that the Grand Lodge take such action as shall secure to us the help of the ladies of North Carolina in this noble work.

We gratefully recognize the Divine blessings upon the Asylum during the past year, and look forward with hopefulness to the future.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. DIXON.

Bro. John W. Cotten, Junior Grand Deacon, appeared and took his official position.

Standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Charters and Dispensations:

No. 1. Bros. H. W. Reinhart, B. W. Hatcher and E. M. Nadal.
No. 2. Bros. J. I. Macks, H. T. J. Ludwig and James M. Lane.

On Unfinished Business:

Bros. A. W. Wood, H. H. Cooke and J. A. Pritchett.

On Accounts and Claims:

Bros. Thomas Badger, S. I. Sutton and J. J. Cockrell.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

Bros. J. A. Waller, N. S. Stewart and B. F. Dixon.

Bro. W. E. Murchison was appointed on Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, to supply a vacancy.

The Grand Master took leave of the Grand Lodge and announced that, owing to urgent business engagements that demanded his attention, he would be compelled to leave the city, and could not, after this evening's session, preside.

Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read, and, on his motion, made a special order for to-morrow evening immediately preceding the election of Grand Officers:

Resolved, That the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday after the second Monday of December in each and every year.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend as follows:

1. That the portion referring to the death of Past Grand Master Grainger and J. H. Moore, P. J. Grand Warden, be referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

2. That all that refers to the Orphan Asylum be referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum.

3. That the portion referring to his official acts and decisions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. NICHOLS,
For Committee.

Bro. F. H. Busbee, D. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to prepare and report to the Grand Lodge regulations for the formation of a visiting committee of ladies, and for the organization of aid societies for the help of the Orphan Asylum, as suggested in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Superintendent.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1885.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, R. W., Fabius H. Busbee, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

R. W., Bros. Eugene Grissom, Past Deputy Grand Master, and Robert W. Hardie, Past Senior Grand Warden, appeared and occupied their seats.

A report was read from Bro. C. D. Rice as Grand Lecturer, which was ordered to be filed.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the financial condition of this Grand Lodge, with instructions to

recommend such changes in the existing law and practice as will tend to improve the condition of the treasury.

The following were announced as the special committee provided for in the above resolution:

Bros. John Nichols, P. G. M., A. W. Wood and H. A. Gudger.

Bro. Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., presented a paper-writing suggesting a scheme looking to an endowment of the Orphan Asylum, which was, on his motion, referred, without reading, to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

Bro. J. I. Macks introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to take into consideration the feasibility of introducing some system of endowment in this jurisdiction, and, if advisable, to report a law seeking that end at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave fraternally to report:

We have carefully examined the proceedings of the following lodges, U. D., viz., Scottsville, Pigeon River, Kedron, Mooresboro and Temperance, and find them correct, and therefore recommend that charters be granted to said lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. MACKS,
H. T. J. LUDWIG,
J. M. LANE,
Committee.

Bro. John W. Cotten introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That section 1 of Article 11 of the Code, be amended so as to read:

"The amount chargeable by the subordinate lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, shall not be less than fifteen dollars."

Committees were announced as follows:

On the Orphan Asylum:

Bros. Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., George Williamson, L. D. Baucom, W. H. Mitchell, F. M. Moye, W. A. Darden and James A. Leach.

On the subject of lady visitation to the Orphan Asylum and organization of Aid Societies to further the orphan work:

Bros. T. S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., B. C. Phillips, B. W. Hatcher, L. Harrill and F. B. Mace.

On Endowment:

Bros. J. I. Macks, J. A. Leach, W. E. Murchison, R. J. Lewis and A. W. Wiseman.

On Obituaries:

Bros. Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., J. C. L. Gudger, R. A. Draughon, H. Clay Williams and H. B. Adams.

On Appeals:

Bros. B. Walker, R. W. Hardie, G. W. Watkins, N. H. Murphy and J. R. Barnes.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart, from Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, report that they have carefully examined the transcripts and proceedings of the following lodges, U. D., Copeland, Lebanon, White Rock, Tally Ho and Cumberland, and find them correct, and most respectfully recommend that charters be

granted and that the officers be admitted to seats on the floor of the Grand Lodge with all the rights of Representatives.

H. W. REINHART,
B. W. HATCHER,
E. M. NADAL,
Committee.

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., from the special committee to consider the means of reducing the expenses of the Grand Lodge, submitted a report, which was considered, according to sections, separately.

After discussion, on motion of Bro. John Nichols, the report was laid on the table, except paragraph 7*, which was referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

The following is the report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution in regard to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend:

1. It is the opinion of the committee that the annual dues of subordinate lodges are just and fair, and as high as should be exacted; therefore, no change in this respect is recommended.

2. It is recommended that the custom of paying the expenses of Grand Officers to the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge be so modified as to confine such payments to the expenses of the eight principal officers of the Grand Lodge, to-wit: the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Senior and Junior Grand Deacons. This not to apply to officers of present Grand Lodge.

3. That the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at three hundred dollars per annum, and that of the Grand Treasurer at one hundred dollars per annum.

4. That hereafter the Grand Treasurer shall not pay the traveling expenses of any Grand Officer during the recess of the Grand Lodge, except upon the certificate of the officer incurring such expense, that the same was incurred in the exclusive interest of the Grand Lodge, and upon the approval of the Grand Master.

5. That the office of Private Secretary to the Grand Master be abolished.

6. That no subordinate lodge, in arrears for more than two years, shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge.

JOHN NICHOLS,
H. A. GUDGER,
ALPHEUS W. WOOD,
Committee.

*Note.—Paragraph No. 7, referred to above, was not in the report of the committee when handed to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. C. H. Robinson, S. G. W., introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That it is the decision of this Grand Lodge that a subordinate lodge cannot be opened without seven members of said lodge being present.

Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., from the committee appointed this morning on the subject indicated in the following report, submitted the report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee appointed on the subject of the proper methods of securing the co-operation of the ladies of the State in aid of the Orphan Asylum, submit as their report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the subject of the proper method of securing the co-operation of the ladies of the State in aid of the Orphan Asylum, and devising plans for an appropriate recognition of them by Masonic authority, be referred to the Directors of the Asylum, with instructions to act in the premises in such way as may be deemed best to accomplish this desirable end.

T. S. KENAN,
B. C. PHILLIPS,
L. HARRILL,
F. B. MACE,
B. W. HATCHER,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1885.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, except so much as recommends the restoration to membership in their respective lodges of Seth Meadows from Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, and C. H. Smith from White Hill Lodge, No. 321, which part of the report was not adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom were referred the cases of King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, *vs.* Daniel McNatt; King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, *vs.* John A. Barlow; Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, *vs.* A. N. Rogers; Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, *vs.* Seth Meadows; White Hill Lodge, No. 321, *vs.* C. H. Smith; Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, *vs.* Jesse Kirby, and Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, *vs.* B. F. Edwards, beg leave to submit the following report: That they have carefully examined the transcripts sent up in the several cases named, and respectfully recommend:

First. That a new trial be awarded in the case of King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, *vs.* Daniel McNatt, for the reasons following, viz.: Because it does not appear that there was any evidence before the lodge tending to show the guilt of the accused, save and except a paper-writing signed by one John A. Barlow, bearing date eight or nine months before charges were preferred, of the making of which paper-writing the accused would seem to have had no notice, and, of course, could not have been afforded an opportunity to cross-examine the party whose statement was used against him.

And it having come to the knowledge of your committee that a considerable amount of feeling and excitement exists in connection with and with reference to the former trial of this case, they would further recommend that the trial of the accused (should a new trial be awarded) be changed from King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, to Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, of which latter the accused is a member, and that the Secretary of King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, be directed by the Grand Secretary to transmit to the Secretary of Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, copies of all papers and exhibits necessary for a full and complete hearing of the case.

Second. That the action of King Solomon Lodge, No. 313, in case against John A. Barlow, resulting in his expulsion, be sustained and approved.

Third. That the action of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in case against A. N. Rogers, be sustained. In reference to this case, the committee deem it necessary to say that the record and transcript of the trial is very irregular, but in view of the number of specifications and the enormity of the offences described

in each, and in view of the further fact that the members of the lodge were unanimous in their judgment and verdict, they feel constrained to recommend that the said judgment and verdict be not disturbed. The judgment in this case was expulsion.

Fourth. That the action of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, against Seth Meadows, be not sustained, that the judgment be reversed and the accused restored to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason and the membership in said lodge, for the reason that the specification does not sustain the charge.

Fifth. That the action of White Hill Lodge, No. 321, against C. H. Smith, be not sustained, for the reason that it does not appear that accused was ever furnished with any notice or copy of charge and specifications, or that diligent efforts were made to ascertain his fate or whereabouts, and for the further reason that the evidence does not sustain the charge and specifications; wherefore they recommend that C. H. Smith be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry and of membership in his lodge.

Sixth. That the action of Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, resulting in a public reprimand to Jesse Kirby, be approved. But the committee would suggest that in its opinion, it was not necessary that any transcript of such case should have been sent up.

Seventh. That the action of Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, in case against B. F. Edwards, be sustained, although the committee is of opinion that the judgment and sentence of indefinite suspension is rather harsh.

Eighth. That the transcripts of all trials hereafter had should show affirmatively that each and every member of the lodge had been served with notice of date of special communication appointed for a trial, and also the specific object of such communication, or that such notice had been mailed to each and every member by the Secretary of the lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
WM. E. MURCHISON,
DUDLEY PEED,
Committee.

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom was referred the transcript in the case of Bayboro Lodge, No. 331, against H. H. Dowdy, begs leave to report:

First. That, in the judgment of the committee, the action of the lodge in suspending the accused indefinitely should not be sustained, for the reason that the evidence does not show that he was guilty of any Masonic offence, but rather that it was a simple and quiet controversy concerning the ownership of a dog.

Wherefore, your committee recommend that the sentence of the lodge in said case be reversed, and they further suggest that the said lodge should be

censured for placing upon trial any one of its members upon specifications manifestly so trivial.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
WM. E. MURCHISON,
Committee.

Bro. Thos. Badger, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom were referred the report, books and vouchers of William E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer for 1884, have carefully examined the same and find them correct in every particular.

We respectfully recommend that that portion of the report touching the Orphan Asylum be referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS BADGER,
S. I. SUTTON,
J. J. COCKRELL,
Committee.

Bro. B. F. Dixon, from the Committee on the Books and Accounts of the Grand Secretary, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary, have performed that duty, and found his books admirably kept in every particular, having receipts from the Grand Treasurer for $3,309.98, being the amount collected by him from all sources.

JNO. A. WALLER,
N. S. STEWART,
B. F. DIXON,
Committee.

Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the following resolution, report the same back to the Grand Lodge, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, that Section 1, Article XI (p. 28), be so changed as to read,

"The amount chargeable by subordinate lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, shall not be less than fifteen dollars,"

Instead of "twenty," as it now reads.

The committee recommend further that the section of the Code referred to in the resolution be amended accordingly.

THOS. S. KENAN,
for Committee.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart, from Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following additional report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, report that they have carefully examined the transcript and proceedings of Orient Lodge, U. D., Wilmington, N. C., and Oxford Lodge, U. D., at Oxford, N. C., and find them correct as well as neatly kept, and would most respectfully ask that a charter be granted; but would respectfully suggest that their code of by-laws be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. REINHART,
B. W. HATCHER,
E. M. NADAL,
Committee.

Charters were issued bearing date January 14th, 1885, as follows:

Scottsville, No. 385, Scottsville, Ashe county;
Pigeon River, No. 386, Pigeon River, Haywood county;
Kedron, No. 387, Hendersonville, Henderson county;
Mooresboro, No. 388, Mooresboro, Cleveland county;
Temperance, No. 389, Coxville, Pitt county;
Copeland, No. 390, Copeland, Surry county;
Lebanon, No. 391, ——, Cumberland county;
White Rock, No. 392, White Rock, Madison county;
Tally Ho, No. 393, Tally Ho, Granville county;
Cape Fear, No. 394, ——, Cumberland county;
Orient, No. 395, Wilmington, New Hanover county;
Oxford, No. 396, Oxford, Granville county.

The Grand Secretary announced a communication from Bro. James W. Reid, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corre-

spondence, stating that urgent business engagements prevented his presence at this Annual Communication, and that his report, yet unfinished, would be completed and presented for publication if it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to so order.

On motion, the report was ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The case of H. R. Champion, from Forest City Lodge, No. 381, suspended from the exercise of the functions of Master of said lodge by the Grand Master, was presented by Bro. Wm. E. Murchison.

The Grand Master having summoned the accused to appear before the Grand Lodge for an investigation of his case, the trial was set apart for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and Bros. J. W. Gidney and W. E. Murchison were appointed to appear for the prosecution and Bro. B. W. Hatcher for the defence.

Bro. George Williamson was, at his request, excused from service on the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, and Bro. David Rosenthal was appointed in his place.

Bro. J. A. Leach was, at his request, excused from service on the committee in respect to an endowment law in this Grand Jurisdiction, and Bro. C. H. Horton was appointed in his place.

The following Standing Committee on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges was announced:

No. 1. Bros. S. M. Parish, H. M. Cowan and Y. L. Smith.
No. 2. Bros. W. H. McLaurin, L. McN. McDonald and Calvin Cox.
No. 3. Bros. C. D. Rice, R. V. Minor and A. N. Campbell.

Bro. A. W. Wood, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they find no unfinished business in the proceedings for the action of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS W. WOOD,
H. H. COOKE,
J. A. PRITCHETT,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1885.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7½ o'clock, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

The special order, being the proposition to change the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, was taken up. After discussion, on motion of Bro. David Rosenthal, the proposition was laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Bros. E. M. Nadal, J. I. Macks and R. H. Freeland.

The following were elected:

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,..... *Grand Master.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON,..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
SAMUEL H. SMITH,..... *Senior Grand Warden.*
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,..... *Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,..... *Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,..... *Grand Secretary.*

Bro. S. H. Rountree, P. J. G. W., from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following reports, which were read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the case of Buffalo Lodge, No. 172, Jonesboro, in the matter of dues for the year 1883, recommend the same be remitted to said lodge (twenty-five dollars

and fifty cents). But your committee are of opinion that grievance of this kind should come up to this Grand Lodge from the subordinate lodges under the seal of the lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
R. T. STEPHENSON,
J. W. BLACKWELL,
Committee.

We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom that part of the Grand Master's address referring to Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro, regarding the property of said lodge was referred, are of the opinion the same should have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
R. T. STEPHENSON,
J. W. BLACKWELL,
Committee.

Bro. J. A. Waller moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of two directors of the Orphan Asylum to supply vacancies.

On motion of Bro. A. W. Wood, the election was set apart as the special order for to-morrow after the disposition of the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

On motion of Bro. J. I. Macks, Bros. W. N. Benton, J. A. Nichols and B. J. Blackley were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers.

On motion of Bro. B. W. Hatcher, the charter of Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 74, at Milton, Caswell county, was restored, and the lodge allowed a representation at this Annual Communication.

Bro. W. E. Anderson, G. T., from the Committee to examine the accounts of the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Standing Committee, to whom is annually referred the books and accounts of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, beg leave to report that a full and

critical examination has been made of the accounts and vouchers presented to them, and they find that, on January 3d, 1884, there was in the hands of the Superintendent of the Asylum the sum of.....$ 1,457 20
that the receipts from all sources have been..... 12,796 50

making a total of.....$14,253 70
that the disbursements made by the Superintendent have been in amount 12,589 42

leaving in his hands.....$ 1,664 28

From the nature of the sources from which the money contributed to the Orphan Asylum is received, it is impracticable for your committee or for any other committee of examination to have or report any check upon the entries of "receipts" on the Orphan Asylum books; they have, therefore, taken the entries of receipts as made by the Superintendent as correct, and think the Grand Lodge is safe in so doing.

Your committee find that for twelve hundred and eighty-six entries of amounts expended, the Superintendent exhibits vouchers for every sum paid out except in fifty-two cases, and when it is considered that so many of the purchases are made from persons who cannot write their names, from wagons on the roadside and from other sources, whence it was impossible to obtain a written receipt, your committee regard this a satisfactory exhibit.

In all these twelve hundred and eighty-six vouchers your committee find that there are errors in only two vouchers, amounting to a net difference of ten dollars, and this amount is an error against the Superintendent, and your committee have directed him to take credit for the amount on the accounts for the new year.

Your committee take pleasure in saying that for neatness and accuracy, the books of the Orphan Asylum would do credit to any business house in the State. In the figures as stated and added not a single error has been found, though subjected to a thorough test involving eight or ten hours' steady work on the part of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

Committee No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted its report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, Committee No. 2, on Returns, beg leave to report the following, viz.:

We have examined the returns of the following lodges and find them correct:

Granite, No. 191; Burnsville, No. 192; Cary, No. 198; Eagle Rock, No. 201; Cleveland, No. 202; Roanoke, No. 203; Berea, No. 204; Richland, No. 214; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Wilson, No. 226; Jonesville, No. 227; McCormick, No. 228; Corinthian, No. 230; W. T. Bain, No. 231; Anchor, No. 234; Cokesbury, No. 235; Mystic Tie, No. 237; Rountree, No. 243; Monroe, No. 244; Pythagoras, No. 249; Lily Valley, No. 252; Beulah, No. 257; Harnett, No. 258; Waynesville, No. 259; Hibriten, No. 262; Dunn's Rock, No. 267; Tabasco, No. 271; Mebaneville, No. 272; Watauga, No. 273; Beaver Dam, No. 276; Green Level, No. 277; Rehoboth, No. 279; Sapona, No. 280; Salem, No. 289; Vance, No. 293; Stonewall, No. 296; Pamlico, No. 300; Clay, No. 301.

The following lodges make returns without date of charter:

Sandy Creek, No. 185; Randleman, No. 209; Lenoir, No. 233; Atlantic, No. 238; Rockford, No. 251; Lee, No. 253; Excelsior, No. 261; Durbin, No. 266; Greenville, No. 284; Castalia, No. 286; French Broad, No. 292.

Edgecombe, No. 298, has neither date of charter or time of meeting; Hunting Creek, No. 299, has month and year without day of charter; Central Cross, No. 187, has year without day of month of charter; Mingo, No. 206, month and year without day of charter, or time of meeting; Farmington, No. 265, Colesville, No. 278, Eureka, No. 283, without seal.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,
L. McN. McDONALD,
CALVIN COX,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. H. A. Williams, it was ordered that the property of the late Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122, at Oxford, be donated to Oxford Lodge, No. 396.

On motion of Bro. B. W. Hatcher, so much of the address of the Grand Master as relates to the property of the late Eagle Lodge, No. 71, at Hillsboro, N. C., was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1885.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. Bernice Walker, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully represent that they have carefully considered the appeal of Bro. Calvin B. Surles from Palmyra Lodge, No. 147, and after due consideration of the same, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be refused, and that the action of the lodge be confirmed in having expelled said brother.

Fraternally submitted,

B. WALKER,
R. W. HARDIE,
G. W. WATKINS,
N. H. MURPHY,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, the vote by which the report of Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, was adopted, was reconsidered. On his further motion, the case of Seth Meadows from Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, was continued until the next Annual Communication, and the report was then adopted.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the investigation of the charges against H. R. Champion, suspended by the Grand Master from the functions of the office of Master of Forest City Lodge, No. 381, and cited to appear before this body for trial.

Bros. W. E. Murchison and J. W. Gidney appeared for the prosecution and Bro. B. W. Hatcher for the defence.

After proper and full investigation the accused was unanimously declared guilty, and by a similar vote was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Grand Officers reported that M. W., Edwin G. Reade, P. G. M., would perform the installation services this morning at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., from the Committee on Obituaries, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Bro. Henry F. Grainger was born January 10th, 1840, in Greene county, N. C. He was educated at Trinity College, where he graduated with distinction in the class of 1860. He volunteered for military service in the beginning of the late war, and was soon made captain of his company. He was a gallant officer, and was wounded in the engagement with the Federal forces at New Bern, N. C.

After the close of the war he entered the law school of Judge Pearson, and, obtaining his license from the Supreme Court, he located in the town of Kinston. After the practice of his profession for about two years he moved to Goldsboro, where he soon obtained a large patronage and maintained a successful practice at the head of his profession for thirteen years, to the time of his death.

He was elected to the House of Representatives of the General Assembly from Wayne county for the session of 1880–'81. His legislative career, though short, was brilliant. He attracted attention and admiration by his fidelity, integrity and intelligence. No member gave higher promise of usefulness and honor.

He was elected Grand Master of Masons for North Carolina in 1881 and re-elected for 1882. His administration of the high functions of this responsible office was characterized by harmony and prosperity among the Craft. He was the ardent, constant and unselfish friend of the Orphan Asylum. He was a useful and beloved member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith.

Bro. Grainger married Miss Rebecca Williams, of Johnston county, in 1866, who, with one son, survives him. May God in his mercy

"Temper the wind to the shorn lambs."

His death suddenly occurred from a stroke of paralysis, March 1st, 1884.

In the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina for 1884, occurs this language in the notice of Bro. Grainger's death:

"He was distinguished in private and Masonic life. In the legal profession, as a member of the General Assembly, and as Grand Master of Masons, he was prominent ands uccessful; and he leaves large circles of friends and

admirers in social life, in the Church and in the Masonic Fraternity to mourn his untimely death."

Bro. Grainger died early, in the midst of his usefulness. He was cut down unexpectedly—but not unprepared. He kept his lamp trimmed and his oil burning ready for the feast. *Our* temporal loss was *his* eternal gain. He went down to the grave calmly and without a fear. His example teaches on earth while his spirit rejoices with God.

Bro. James H. Moore, a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, and a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was born in Halifax county in 1818, and died in Raleigh, of cancer of the tongue, May 25th, 1884, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. Bro. Moore's long life was an active and checkered one. He resided in many different localities and pursued many different avocations. His personal acquaintance in the State was as extensive, perhaps, as any other private citizen. He was by turn, printer, publisher, editor, newspaper correspondent, railroad and post-office agent, Principal Clerk of the Legislature, Steward of the Insane Asylum and Orphan Asylum and life insurance agent. In all these positions he was energetic and decisive. His fondness for novelty was a prominent characteristic. His mind was active and he was never satisfied unless at work. He ate no idle bread. Industry and charity were prominent features in his character. No sacrifice was too great for the assistance of the needy who appealed to him.

He was nearly all his life an active Mason. He joined Hiram Lodge by dimit February 17th, 1879. When a resident of Warrenton, N. C., in 1854, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

His last illness was painful and protracted. He bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude and welcomed death as a relief from inevitable suffering.

Peace to his ashes.

EUGENE GRISSOM,
For the Committee.

The hour for installation of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master elect announced his appointments, who, with those elected on last evening, were installed by M. W., Edwin G. Reade, Past Grand Master, assisted by Bro. H. W. Reinhart as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,.....*Grand Master.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON, ...*Deputy Grand Master.*
SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....*Senior Grand Warden.*
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,.....*Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,.....*Grand Secretary.*

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

OLIVER H. GREGORY,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*
JOHN W. COTTEN,.....*Junior Grand Deacon.*
WILLIAM N. BENTON,.....*Grand Marshal.*
H. CLAY WILLIAMS,.....*Grand Sword Bearer.*
JOHN A. NICHOLS,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
MILES GOODWIN,.....*Grand Tiler.*

Bro. S. H. Smith introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of eight Masons be appointed by this Grand Lodge, consisting of druggists, to devise some plan whereby the Orphan Asylum can be supplied with drugs and medicines free of cost.

The Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, subsequently appointed the following as the committee:

Bros. J. C. Munds, William Simpson, A. S. Lee, T. C. Smith, L. R. Wriston, F. B. Mace, E. M. Nadal and S. H. Smith.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, submitted the report of that committee, which was read, amended and adopted, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Orphan Asylum, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to that institution, the report of the Superintendent and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, and all other papers relating thereto, have maturely and patiently considered the same, and as the result of their labors submit the following report:

1. We find but little in the Grand Master's address that requires our attention; that part of his address recommending that some action be taken to secure the co-operation of the ladies in behalf of the institution having been referred to a special committee.

2. We recommend that part of the address which refers to industrial education to the favorable consideration of the Board of Directors, and if, in their judgment, that feature can be adopted, we are of the opinion that it will be of great benefit to the institution.

3. Neither the report of the Superintendent or that of the Secretary of the Board of Directors asks for anything, nor do they recommend anything.

4. The resolution referred to this committee authorizing the Grand Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Orphan Asylum does not meet our approval.

5. We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer in regard to the donation of the late B. F. Moore to the Orphan Asylum, and advise that the bond be collected and the amount be applied to the payment of the debt due on the land recently bought for the Orphan Asylum, if the same can be done under the terms of the will.

6. We recommend the appointment at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, of a standing committee, to whom shall be referred so much of the Grand Master's address at each Communication as may relate to the Orphan Asylum, and also report of the Superintendent and Board of Directors of the Asylum on Monday before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

7. We also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to place a reasonable insurance on the new building.

8. We find that two vacancies on the Board of Directors, the places now held by Bros. H. T. Bahnson and C. T. Bailey, are to be filled at this Communication, as required by article 1 of the law creating the board.

9. We respectfully recommend that no one shall be eligible to the position of Director of the Orphan Asylum unless he be a master mason of this jurisdiction, in good standing.

10. We recommend the usual annual appropriation of two thousand dollars from any moneys in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum.

11. The Standing Committee, to whom are annually referred the books and accounts of the Asylum, have made their report on its financial condition. We do not deem it necessary for us to report further on the financial condition of the institution more than to say that we recommend that no donation or bequest to the Asylum, made for any specific object, shall be used for current expenses of the institution, except in the most extreme cases, and after all other resources have failed, and only in those cases if they should occur. Said money should be paid back to the original fund as soon as possible.

12. In comparing the financial statements in the Grand Master's address and Superintendent Dixon's report, we find a discrepancy which we beg leave to explain. The collection of $14,653.70 embraces a period of twelve months instead of nine, and includes amount on hand of $1,457.20 at the beginning of the Masonic year.

13. We recommend that the Grand Master and the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum be requested to memorialize the Legislature for such additional appropriation for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum as they may think proper.

14. We recommend that the insurance plan for the endowment of the Orphan Asylum, as presented by Bro. F. H. Cameron, be referred to the subordinate lodges for such action as they shall think proper.

We have many reasons to be thankful for what the Asylum has done in the past, what it is now doing, and its bright prospect for the future under the wise legislation of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. LEACH, *Chmn.*,
DAVID ROSENTHAL,
W. A. DARDEN,
W. H. MITCHELL,
F. M. MOYE,
L. D. BAUCUM,
EUGENE GRISSOM,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of two Directors of the Orphan Asylum, under the superintendence of Bros. C. D. Rice, H. F. Brandon and S. H. Rountree, tellers.

C. T. Bailey was elected for a term of five years, and Thos. A. Green for the unexpired term of three years, in place of Horace H. Munson, resigned.

The following resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that a dimit take effect at the time the application for the same is acted upon by the subordinate lodge, and that the time of its actual delivery by the Secretary has no bearing on its status.

The Committee on Jurisprudence subsequently reported in favor of the adoption of this resolution, which was agreed to.

The Committee on Jurisprudence also reported the resolution of Bro. C. H. Robinson in reference to a quorum in a subordinate lodge, introduced yesterday morning, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the present law being sufficient. Adopted.

Bro. S. H. Rountree, P. J. G. W., from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the case from Clinton Lodge, No. 107, in which Bros. Geo. Williamson and H. F. Brandon were involved, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit their report thereon:

The difficulty seems to have grown out of an unfortunate local trouble, entirely unconnected with masonry.

In the course of investigation of that trouble in the civil courts an unfortunate misunderstanding arose between the brethren in this case, and as is too often the result in such matters, they seemed to have forgotten their duties to each other under such trying circumstances, and permitted their passions to have gotten the better of their judgment. The result was, charges and counter charges, with much bitter personal feeling. The Deputy Grand Master visited the lodge, and with much good judgment, after a thorough investigation of the whole matter, thought it was a case where mutual concessions should be made and the whole matter dismissed from the lodge, and at his suggestion this course was pursued.

This action on the part of the Deputy Grand Master is fully endorsed by your Committee. But we are of opinion that he should have gone one step further; we believe that he should have directed that the whole proceedings be expunged from the lodge-book, so that there should have remained no trace, name nor remembrance in the way of written evidence that the unfortunate affair had ever occurred. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that all the proceedings in the case be expunged from the records of Clinton Lodge, No. 107, and that the papers which have been sent up in the case be turned over to the Grand Secretary, with instructions to destroy the same. The Committee regard the two brethren directly involved as honorable men and good Masons, and should this report receive the endorsement of the Grand Lodge, they should accept such action in good faith, and in the future be as warm friends, both personal and masonic, as they have been in the past. Let them exercise charity for each other's faults and be as ready to forgive as they are to be forgiven.

In the case of C. M. Holt from Life Boat Lodge, No. 376, in which he states that he paid six dollars for a seal for the lodge with his own money, we recommend that the amount be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
R. T. STEPHENSON,
J. W. BLACKWELL,
Committee.

Bro. H. F. Brandon, from the Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, having the transcripts before them in the several cases referred to them, and having carefully considered the same, beg leave to submit the following report on said cases, to-wit:

1. Snow Lodge, No. 363, *vs.* W. R. Lewis and J. W. Smith. Charge, immoral and unmasonic conduct. Verdict, guilty; sentence, indefinite suspension. We recommend that action of the lodge be affirmed.

2. Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, *vs.* B. F. Sugg. Charge, refusing to obey legal summons, collecting money due the lodge and receiving donations and appropriating the funds to his own use, and failing or refusing to account for the same. Verdict, guilty; sentence, expulsion. We recommend that, as the brother has paid all the moneys alleged to have been collected by him, and has been fully restored by his lodge, the sentence be reversed.

3. Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, *vs.* R. D. McCarty. Charge, disobeying legal summons. Verdict, guilty; sentence, indefinite suspension. In this case the summons does not accompany the papers in order to enable us to judge of its legality, nor are we able to form any opinion of the nature of the offence other than the words expressed above.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the proceedings are too indefinitely expressed to warrant a confirmation. The action of the lodge is, therefore, disapproved; but we recommend that the case be sent back to the lodge, with instructions to so reform their transcript as to show more fully the nature and extent of the offence.

4. Mount Mourne Lodge, No. 347, *vs.* J. A. Gilliland. Charge, drunkenness and unmasonic conduct. Verdict, guilty; sentence, expulsion.

We think the verdict and sentence warranted by the evidence, and recommend a confirmation of the same.

5. Mount Mourne Lodge, No. 347, *vs.* J. A. Caldwell. Charge, drunkenness. Verdict, guilty; sentence, indefinite suspension, affirmed.

6. Elk Lodge, No. 373, *vs.* E. B. Miller and J. C. Miller. Charge, gross unmasonic conduct. Verdict, guilty; sentence, expulsion.

This seems to have been a drinking difficulty, resulting in a fight between the two brothers. We think the sentence rather severe, and recommend that it be not affirmed, but sent back to the lodge, with the recommendation to impose a less severe punishment, say indefinite suspension.

7. Rountree Lodge, No. 243, *vs.* J. S. Halton. Charge, drunkenness and immoral conduct. Verdict, guilty; sentence, suspension for six months. Affirmed.

8. Archer Lodge, No. 165, *vs.* J. B. Wall. Charge, immoral and unmasonic conduct, drunkenness, &c., Verdict, guilty; sentence, expulsion. Affirmed.

Your Committee would recommend that, as the brother has implored par-

don for the offence and promised a reformation, the lodge extend him such clemency as, in their judgment, the merits of the case deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LEACH,
H. F. BRANDON,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1885.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3½ o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

Bro. E. M. Nadal introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter no person shall be elected a director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum unless he is a Master Mason, regularly affiliated with a lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. F. Beasley introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the *Orphans' Friend* be, and it is hereby constituted the official organ of this Grand Lodge and Masonry in North Carolina.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Special Committee on an endowment law in this Grand Jurisdiction, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the special report of the Committee on Endowment, together with the proposed law, shall be printed with the proceedings, and at the same time a sufficient number of copies be separately printed and distributed to all the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, and that the law be considered at the next Annual Communication as unfinished business.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your special committee appointed to take into consideration the feasability of creating an endowment law, respectfully report that they have had the subject-matter fully explained to them, and after a painstaking investigation, have concluded that it would redound to the best interests of the fraternity to establish in the jurisdiction of this State a law that would bestow upon its members an opportunity to keep their families from want after their deaths, and for this and other reasons too numerous to mention, beg leave to report the following law, trusting that it will be the pleasure of this Grand Body to adopt it.

Fraternally,

J. I. MACKS,
W. E. MURCHISON,
A. W. WISEMAN,
R. J. LEWIS,
C. H. HORTON,
Committee.

ENDOWMENT LAW.

SECTION 1. A fund is hereby created for the benefit of the widows, orphans, heirs or designated beneficiaries of such Master Masons, who are now or may be hereafter in good standing in their respective lodges, and who are under the age of fifty-five years, and who shall pass a successful medical examination as hereafter provided, which shall be known as the Endowment Fund of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of North Carolina.

SEC. 2. The object of this law, and the fund thereby created, is to secure, in the case of the death of a Master Mason who shall have availed himself of the benefits of this law, to his widow, children or other designated beneficiaries, an inheritance not exceeding two thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. A sinking or reserve fund shall be created and be held as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. The Grand Master, who shall be *ex-officio* chairman, and four members of the Grand Lodge, who are participating members, shall be chosen annually by the Grand Lodge, and, who, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall constitute a board of trustees for the government and control of the fund hereby created, and shall act as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. Every Master Mason who shall desire to participate in the benefits of this law, who is under the age of fifty-five years, before becoming a beneficial member, shall make an application over his signature addressed to his lodge, which shall contain his age, occupation, residence and to whom, in case of his death, the endowment is to be paid, which application shall be accompanied with the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, which amount is to be used for the payment of the medical examination hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 6. Should such applicant pass a successful examination as hereinafter provided, he shall, before becoming a beneficial member, pay to the Secretary of his lodge, such sum as may be prescribed, for which he shall receive such Benefit Certificates as he may be entitled to; and also, the following rates for the Benefit and Reserve Fund, and the same amount on each assessment thereafter, whilst remaining a participating member of this fund.

ON EACH ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS:

Between the ages of		Between the ages of		Between the ages of	
21 and 22	$ .36	33 and 34	$ .60	44 and 45	$ .82
22 and 23	.38	34 and 35	.62	45 and 46	.84
23 and 24	.40	35 and 36	.64	46 and 47	.86
24 and 25	.42	36 and 37	.66	47 and 48	.88
25 and 26	.44	37 and 38	.68	48 and 49	.90
26 and 27	.46	38 and 39	.70	49 and 50	.94
27 and 28	.48	39 and 40	.72	50 and 51	.98
28 and 29	.50	40 and 41	.74	51 and 52	1.04
29 and 30	.52	41 and 42	.76	52 and 53	1.10
30 and 31	.54	42 and 43	.78	53 and 54	1.16
31 and 32	.56	43 and 44	.80	54 and 55	1.22
82 and 33	.58				

All such payments shall be known as the Endowment Fund. The date of such payments shall be kept by the Secretary, and the member credited with the same. No member shall be assessed for a death that occurs prior to the time of his becoming a participating member.

SEC. 7. Two thousand dollars shall be the highest amount paid under this law on the death of a member. This sum shall be paid on the death of every member who holds two certificates of one thousand dollars each, and one thousand dollars shall be paid on the death of every member who held one certificate: *Provided, however*, that should a death occur when one assessment on each member would not amount to two thousand dollars, then the sum paid shall be a proportionate amount of one assessment in good standing at the date of death, according to the number of certificates of the deceased member, and such amount shall be all that can be claimed by any one: *Provided, further*, that the amount from each assessment to be used for the reserve and expense fund shall not be used for the purpose of paying death benefits.

SEC. 8. On the death of a member who, at the time of his death, shall not be under suspension for non payment of benefit assessment, the lodge of which he was a member shall appoint a committee of three members who are participating members to ascertain the cause of death and the circumstances attending the same. The report of said committee and proof of the death shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Master and Secretary of the lodge, under the seal of the lodge, together with an official notice of such death, in accordance with a form furnished by the Board of Trustees; such notice must state the name, age at the date of becoming a participating mem-

ber, the number of Benefit Certificates and their members. Further proof of such death may be required, if deemed necessary, by the Grand Master.

SEC. 9. On the receipt of such official notice and proof of the death of a member, the Grand Secretary shall draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the person or persons named in the Benefit Certificates, for the amount due on said death, and forward the same to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge of which the deceased was a member, and notify the Master of said lodge of such transmission. The order on the Grand Treasurer must be signed, also, by the Grand Master.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the subordinate lodge, on the receipt of the order from the Grand Secretary, to immediately deliver it to the person or persons in whose favor it is drawn, and to receive in return the Benefit Certificate or Certificates, as the case may be, properly indorsed, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary. Said delivery shall be certified to by the Master and Secretary and attested with the seal of the lodge. In case of the death of the person or persons named in the order before delivery is made, the order shall be returned to the Grand Secretary with a statement of the facts, signed by the Master and Secretary, under seal, and a new order shall be drawn, payable to the person or persons entitled to the benefit.

SEC. 11. Whenever the condition of the Benefit Fund in the control of the Board of Trustees shall be less than two thousand dollars, it shall be then considered necessary to levy an assessment to pay a death benefit. The Grand Secretary shall at once notify every lodge that has participating members upon its rolls to forward immediately to him the assessments due from every member who became a participating member on or before the date of said death, in accordance with a form prescribed by the Board of Trustees, which shall include a list of all deaths that have occurred subsequent to the last assessment.

SEC. 12. (1). Whenever an assessment is called, the Secretary shall fill out correctly the remittance blank; the Master, Secretary and Treasurer shall examine and sign the same, and the Secretary shall affix the seal of the lodge and deliver the remittance report to the Treasurer. The Treasurer of the subordinate lodge shall thereupon immediately forward to the Grand Secretary the full amount due the Grand Lodge on account of the Benefit Fund, by the terms of the call of the Grand Secretary, together with the remittance report.

(2). In case the amount due from the subordinate lodge is not received by the Grand Secretary within forty days of the date of the call, the Grand Secretary shall thereupon record such members of the lodge which fails to remit as aforesaid, as suspended from all benefits of this law, and forward notice of the suspensions to the Grand Master and to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge, giving the cause and date of suspension in such notice.

(3). The members so suspended shall stand re-instated on the receipt by the Grand Secretary of the amount due, provided the same be received within

three months from the date of suspension, together with twenty-five cents for every member, to be paid to the Grand Secretary for the expense fund of this law.

SEC. 13. The subordinate lodge having been notified by the Grand Secretary that an assessment has been laid, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said lodge to at once notify every participating member liable to an assessment. This assessment notice shall bear the seal of the lodge and shall be in accordance with a form prescribed by the Board of Trustees, and its date shall be the same as that of the notice received from the Grand Secretary. Each member so notified shall pay the amount due on the notice of the Secretary within forty days from the date of such notice, and any member failing to pay such assessment within forty days, shall stand suspended from all benefits under this law. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Master of such suspension, and the Master shall announce the suspension and the date thereof at the next meeting of the lodge.

SEC. 14. The Grand Secretary shall pay all moneys received under this law to the Grand Treasurer every ten days; taking receipts therefor showing what portion is to the Benefit Fund, Reserve Fund and Expense Fund.

SEC. 15. The Grand Secretary, upon receipt from a subordinate lodge of funds under this law, shall at once acknowledge the receipt thereof upon a form prescribed by the Grand Trustees; and shall correct all errors made by a secretary of a subordinate lodge in the amount.

SEC. 16. Every lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary all applications for membership immediately after the applicant's successful examination, approved by the Medical Examiner-in-Chief, and with each application one dollar for each one thousand dollars endowment, to pay for the Benefit Certificate, which sums shall be placed by the Grand Secretary in the Expense Fund.

SEC. 17. Applicants shall enter upon their applications the name or names of the members of their family or those dependent upon them to whom they desire their benefit paid, and the same shall be entered in the Benefit Certificates by the Grand Secretary: *provided, however*, that no brother shall be allowed to disinherit his legal wife or children.

SEC. 18. Members may, at any time when in good standing, change their Benefit Certificates under such rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Board of Trustees at their first meeting under this law. Such member to pay fifty cents into the Expense Fund for each new certificate.

SEC. 19. The Board of Trustees shall, at their first meeting after the adoption of this law, prescribe all forms necessary under the law and make all needful regulations for clearance cards for members who changed membership from one lodge to another.

SEC. 20. Any brother who shall be suspended or expelled by his lodge for any cause, or who shall be dropped for non-payment of his ordinary lodge dues, shall stand suspended from all benefits under this law, and cannot regain

his membership until he shall have been again examined by the Medical Examiner and such examination approved by the Medical Examiner-in-Chief; and should such a brother be over fifty-five years of age at the time of his suspension, expulsion or exclusion on account of the non-payment of dues, he cannot obtain again the benefits of this law.

SEC. 21. Every lodge in this jurisdiction immediately after the adoption of this law shall elect a Medical Examiner, who may or may not be a member of the order, but who cannot act as such until he shall have received a commission signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and countersigned by the Medical Examiner-in-Chief. They shall receive as compensation two dollars for each application examined, whether approved or not.

SEC. 22. The Board of Trustees, at their first meeting under this law and annually thereafter, shall elect a Medical Examiner-in-Chief, who may or may not be a member of the order, and who shall receive as compensation fifty cents for every application examined, and whose duty shall be to assist the Board of Trustees in framing a proper form of examination for applicants.

SEC. 23. The Reserve Fund shall be derived from the appropriation of five cents from every assessment of each member for each one thousand dollars, and shall be held as such by the Board of Trustees in trust, and cannot be used for any other purpose, and shall be invested as often as one hundred dollars are accumulated, in bonds of this State known as the four per cent. coupon bonds, and shall be registered in the name of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina of the Endowment Reserve Fund.

SEC. 24. The Expense Fund shall be derived from the appropriation of five cents from every assessment of each member for each one thousand dollars, and from the sums derived from Benefit Certificates, fines, &c., and from the sale of supplies to subordinate lodges.

SEC. 25. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to fix the compensation for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer under this law, but shall receive no compensation for themselves except their necessary traveling expenses in attending meetings of the Board, which sums shall be paid out only from the Expense Fund.

SEC. 26. At every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the Board of Trustees shall lay before the said Grand Lodge a full and comprehensive report of their actions and the condition of the funds under this law.

SEC. 27. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Trustees other than the Grand Master, before entering upon their duties under this law, shall furnish good and sufficient bonds with sureties, in such sums as shall be fixed by the Grand Lodge at every Annual Communication; said bonds to be approved by the Standing Committee on Finance of the Grand Lodge.

The report and resolution are published as adopted.

Bro. W. F. Beasley introduced the following resolution, which was, after discussion, adopted:

Resolved, That a permanent Committee on Endowment for the Oxford Orphan Asylum be appointed by the Grand Master, with power to act. That the Grand Lodge appeals to each Mason of the State to contribute annually the sum of one dollar or more for such length of time as will properly endow said Asylum.

Bro. C. D. Rice, from Committee No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns, No. 3, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and that they find them correct.

C. D. RICE,
A. N. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

Bro. H. M. Cowan, from Committee No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, Committee No. 1, on Returns, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the returns of the following lodges and find them to be correct:

St. John's, No. 1; Charity, No. 5; Unanimity, No. 7; Phœnix, No. 8; American George, No. 17; Phalanx, No. 31; Davie, No. 39; Hiram, No. 40; King Solomon, No. 56; Kilwinning, No. 64; Fellowship, No. 84; Morning Star, No. 85; Western Star, No. 91; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Jerusalem, No. 95; St. John's, No. 96; Wake Forest, No. 97; Fulton, No. 99; Holly Springs, No. 115; Perquimans, No. 106; Clinton, No. 107; Franklin, No. 109; Mt. Lebanon, No. 117; Mt. Hermon, No. 118; Franklinton, No. 123; Mill Creek, No. 125; Hanks, No. 128; Radiance, No. 132; King Solomon, No. 138; Mt. Energy, No. 140; Carolina, No. 141; Palmyra, No. 147; Adoniram, No. 149; White Stone, No. 155; Rolesville, No. 156; Mt. Pleasant, No. 157; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Deep River, No. 164; Archer, No. 165; Winston, No. 167; Buffalo, No. 172; George Washington, No. 174; Polloksville, No. 175; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Siloam, No. 178.

The returns from the following lodges have no seal attached:
Concord, No. 58; Widow's Son, No. 75; Yadkin, No. 162.
The returns of the following lodges are without date of charter:
Hiram, No. 98; Wayne, No. 112; Junaluska, No. 145; Blackmer, No. 170.
Greensboro Lodge, No. 76, no date of charter, same obliterated.
St. John's Lodge, No. 3, error in reporting number of members.
Belmont Lodge, No. 108, and Blackmer Lodge, No. 127, seal cannot be read.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PARISH,
Y. L. SMITH,
H. M. COWAN,
Committee.

Representatives present from Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Body being present, as follows, were accorded a fraternal greeting:

M. W., John Nichols, P. G. M., Grand Lodges of Chili, Florida and Wisconsin.
R. W., Charles H. Robinson, Grand Lodge of Iowa.
R. W., Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
R. W., Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
R. W., William E. Anderson, Grand Lodge of Virginia.
R. W., Donald W. Bain, Grand Lodges of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Texas.
Bro. Henry M. Cowan, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Bro. B. W. Hatcher introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary print as an appendix in the proceedings of this Annual Communication, the changes in the constitution, by-laws, resolutions and edicts, since the publication of the Masonic Code.

The Grand Master announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Jurisprudence:

Bros. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., Geo. W. Blount, P. G. M., E. M. Nadal and E. S. Martin.

On Suspensions and Expulsions:

No. 1. Bros. W. E. Murchison, B. W. Hatcher and M. L. Winston.
No. 2. Bros. H. F. Brandon, W. R. Kenan and Bernice Walker.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Bros. J. I. Macks, J. W. Blackwell and C. D. Rice.

On Foreign Correspondence:

Bro. James W. Reid, P. D. G. M.

On Printing:

Bros. W. E. Anderson, G. T., D. W. Bain, G. S., and John Nichols, P. G. M.

On Credentials:

Bros. C. B. Edwards, J. M. Lane and Dudley Peed.

On the Orphan Asylum:

Bros. G. Rosenthal, H. W. Reinhart, R. J. Noble, W. H. Mitchell and R. T. Stephenson.

Bro. B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer, presented a report of his work as Lecturer during the past Masonic year, which was ordered to be filed.

The proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's,	1	Wilmington,	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart,	2	Halifax,	Halifax.
St. John's,	3	New Bern,	Craven.
Charity,	5	Windsor,	Bertie.
Unanimity,	7	Edenton,	Chowan.
Phœnix,	8	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
American George,	17	Murfreesboro,	Hertford.
Phalanx,	31	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
Davie,	39	Roxobel,	Bertie.
Hiram,	40	Raleigh,	Wake.
Hall,	53	Indian Town,	Currituck.
King Solomon,	56	Jackson,	Northampton.
Concord,	58	Tarboro,	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning,	64	Wadesboro,	Anson.
Scotland Neck,	68	Scotland Neck,	Halifax.
Golden Fleece,	74	Milton,	Caswell.
Widow's Son,	75	Camden C. H.,	Camden.
Greensboro,	76	Greensboro,	Guilford.
Zion,	81	Trenton,	Jones.
Fellowship,	84	Smithfield,	Johnston.
Morning Star,	85	Nashville,	Nash.
Skewarkey,	90	Williamston,	Martin.
Western Star,	91	Rutherfordton,	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren,	92	Stantonsburg,	Wilson.
Jerusalem,	95	Hookerton,	Greene.
St. John's,	96	Kinston,	Lenoir.
Wake Forest,	97	Neuse,	Wake.
Hiram,	98	Clinton,	Sampson.
Fulton,	99	Salisbury,	Rowan.
Warren,	101	Kenansville,	Duplin.
Orr,	104	Washington,	Beaufort.
Perquimans,	106	Hertford,	Perquimans.
Clinton,	107	Yanceyville,	Caswell.
Belmont,	108	Faison,	Duplin.
Franklin,	109	Beaufort,	Carteret.
Wayne,	112	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
St. Alban's,	114	Lumberton,	Robeson.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Holly Spring,	115	Holly Spring,	Wake.
Mount Lebanon,	117	Wilson,	Wilson.
Mount Hermon,	118	Asheville,	Buncombe.
Franklinton,	123	Frankiinton,	Franklin.
Mill Creek,	125	Newton Grove,	Sampson.
Blackmer,	127	Mount Gilead,	Montgomery.
Hanks,	128	Franklinsville,	Randolph.
Radiance,	132	Snow Hill,	Greene.
Mocksville,	134	Mocksville,	Davie.
Lincoln,	137	Lincolnton,	Lincoln.
King Solomon,	138	Burgaw,	Pender.
Mount Energy,	140	Mount Energy,	Granville.
Carolina,	141	Ansonville,	Anson.
Junaluska,	145	Franklin,	Macon.
Palmyra,	147	Averasboro,	Harnett.
Adoniram,	149	Brownsville,	Granville.
White Stone,	155	Wakefield,	Wake.
Rolesville,	156	Rolesville,	Wake.
Mount Pleasant,	157	Rogers' Store,	Wake.
Knap of Reeds,	158	Knap of Reeds,	Granville.
Rock Rest,	161	Hadley's Mills,	Chatham.
Yadkin,	162	Yadkinville,	Yadkin.
Deep River,	164	Foust's Mills,	Randolph.
Archer,	165	Clayton,	Johnston.
Winston,	167	Winston,	Forsyth.
Blackmer,	170	Weaverville,	Buncombe.
Buffalo,	172	Jonesboro,	Moore.
George Washington,	174	Elm Grove,	Chatham.
Polloksville,	175	Polloksville,	Jones.
Mecklenburg,	176	Davidson College,	Mecklenburg.
Siloam,	178	Harrell's Store,	Sampson.
Sandy Creek,	185	Laurel,	Franklin.
Pine Forest,	186	Swann's Station,	Harnett.
Central Cross,	187	Peach Tree Grove,	Nash.
Fair Bluff,	190	Fair Bluff,	Columbus.
Granite,	191	Clayton,	Johnston.
Burnsville,	192	Burnsville,	Yancey.
Cary,	198	Cary,	Wake.
Eagle Rock,	201	Eagle Rock,	Wake.
Cleveland,	202	Shelby,	Cleveland.
Roanoke,	203	Weldon,	Halifax.
Berea,	204	Oxford,	Granville.
Mingo,	206	Bass,	Sampson.
Lebanon,	207	Whiteville,	Columbus.
Mount Olive,	208	Mount Olive,	Wayne.
Randleman,	209	High Point,	Guilford.
Richland,	214	Thomasville,	Davidson.
William G. Hill,	218	Raleigh,	Wake.
Stokesburg,	220	Walnut Cove,	Stokes.
Webster,	222	Elevation,	Johnston.
County Line,	224	River Hill,	Iredell.
Wilson,	226	Olin,	Iredell.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Jonesville,	227	Elkin (Surry),	Yadkin.
McCormick,	228	Broadway,	Moore.
Corinthian,	230	Rocky Mount,	Nash.
William T. Bain,	231	Banks,	Wake.
Lenoir,	233	LaGrange,	Lenoir.
Anchor,	234	Auburn,	Wake.
Cokesbury,	235	Chalk Level,	Harnett.
Atlantic,	238	Currituck C. H.,	Currituck.
*Rountree,	243	Bell's Ferry (Pitt),	Lenoir.
Monroe,	244	Monroe,	Union.
New Berne,	245	New Bern,	Craven.
Pythagoras,	249	Smithville,	Brunswick.
Rockford,	251	Rockford,	Surry.
Lily Valley,	252	Sunsbury,	Gates.
Lee,	253	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
Beulah,	257	Leroy,	Johnston.
Harnett,	258	Winslow,	Harnett.
Waynesville,	259	Waynesville,	Haywood.
Excelsior,	261	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten,	262	Lenoir,	Caldwell.
Gaston,	263	Dallas,	Gaston.
Farmington,	265	Farmington,	Davie.
Durbin,	266	Blockersville,	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock,	267	Brevard,	Transylvania.
East Bend,	269	East Bend,	Yadkin.
Tabasco,	271	Gibsonville,	Guilford.
Mebaneville,	272	Bingham School,	Alamance.
Watauga,	273	Boone,	Watauga.
Beaver Dam,	276	Beaver Dam,	Union.
Green Level,	277	Green Level,	Wake.
Colesville,	278	Colesville,	Stokes.
Rehoboth,	279	Teachy's,	Duplin.
Sapona,	280	Tysor's Mills,	Chatham.
Eureka,	283	China Grove,	Rowan.
Greenville,	284	Greenville,	Pitt.
Castalia,	286	Castalia,	Nash.
Salem,	289	Salem,	Forsyth.
French Broad	292	Marshall,	Madison.
Vance,	293	Grantsville,	Buncombe.
Atlantic,	294	Swan Quarter,	Hyde.
Stonewall,	296	Robersonville,	Martin.
Edgecombe,	298	Toisnot,	Wilson.
Hunting Creek,	299	Eagle Mills,	Iredell.
Pamlico,	300	Aurora,	Beaufort.
Clay,	301	Hayesville,	Clay.
*Evergreen,	303	Swann's Station (Moore),	Harnett.
*Pleasant Hill,	304	Kinston (Lenoir),	Jones.
Laurinburg,	305	Laurinburg	Richmond.
Galatia,	306	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Patterson,	307	Mount Pleasant,	Cabarrus.
*Randolph,	309	El Dorado (Montgomery)	Randolph.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Hatcher,	310	Wilson,	Wilson.
Notla,	312	Murphy,	Cherokee.
King Solomon,	313	Lumber Bridge,	Robeson.
New Lebanon,	314	South Mills,	Camden.
Jerusalem,	315	Jerusalem,	Davie.
Kinston,	316	Kinston,	Lenoir.
Eureka,	317	Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank.
Wilmington,	319	Wilmington,	New Hanover.
Selma,	320	Selma,	Johnston.
White Hill,	321	Greenwood,	Moore.
Granite,	322	Mount Airy,	Surry.
Wentworth,	324	Wentworth,	Rockingham.
Falling Creek,	325	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
Winton,	327	Winton,	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet,	328	Engelhard,	Hyde.
Fayetteville,	329	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Black Creek,	330	Black Creek,	Wilson.
Bayboro	331	Bayboro	Pamlico.
Lock's Creek	333	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Ash Pole,	335	Plainview,	Robeson.
Ionic,	337	Kittrell,	Vance.
Palmyra,	338	Palmyra,	Halifax.
Fairview,	339	King's Mountain,	Cleveland.
Harmony,	340	Pikeville,	Wayne.
Rock Spring,	341	Denver,	Lincoln.
Cedar Fork,	342	Morrisville,	Wake.
Hickory,	343	Hickory,	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid,	344	High Point,	Guilford.
Trap Hill,	346	Trap Hill,	Wilkes.
Mount Mourne,	347	Mount Mourne,	Iredell.
Stanly,	348	Albemarle,	Stanly.
Durham,	352	Durham,	Durham.
Moravian,	353	Moravian Falls,	Wilkes.
Euno,	354	New Hill,	Wake.
Dellaplane,	355	Dellaplane,	Wilkes.
Double Shoal,	356	Cleveland Mills,	Cleveland.
Bakersville,	357	Bakersville,	Mitchell.
East La Porte,	358	East La Porte,	Jackson.
Mount Vernon,	359	Stonewall,	Pamlico.
Mayon,	360	Ammon,	Bladen.
Acacia,	361	Belle Voir,	Chatham.
Iredell,	362	Mooresville,	Iredell.
Snow,	363	Sugar Grove,	Watauga.
Cumberland,	364	Gray's Creek,	Cumberland.
Craighead,	366	Huntersville,	Mecklenburg.
Mount Pisgah	368	Williams' Mill,	Chatham.
Air-Line,	369	Gastonia,	Gaston.
Mars Hill,	370	Mars Hill,	Madison.
Olive Branch,	371	Garner's Station,	Wake.
Bethel,	372	Madra	Anson.
Elk,	373	Elk Cross Roads,	Watauga.
Campbell,	374	Amity Hill,	Iredell.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
†State Line,	375	Whitaker's,	Cleveland.
Youngsville,	377	Youngsville,	Franklin.
Seaboard,	378	Seaboard,	Northampton.
Coharie,	379	Huntley,	Sampson.
Granville,	380	Grissom,	Granville.
Forest City,	381	Forest City,	Rutherford.
Shawnee,	382	Catawba,	Catawba.
Statesville,	383	Statesville,	Iredell.
Reidsville,	384	Reidsville,	Rockingham.
Scottsville,	385	Scottsville,	Ashe.
Pigeon River,	386	Pigeon River,	Haywood.
Kedron,	387	Hendersonville,	Henderson.
Mooresboro,	388	Mooresboro,	Cleveland.
Temperance,	389	Coxville,	Pitt.
Copeland,	390	Copeland,	Surry.
Lebanon,	391	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
White Rock,	392	White Rock,	Madison.
Tally Ho,	393	Tally Ho,	Granville.
Cape Fear,	394	Little River Academy,	Cumberland.
Orient,	395	Wilmington,	New Hanover.
Oxford,	396	Oxford,	Granville.

*The name in parenthesis indicates the county in which the post-office of the Lodge is located.

†Post-office, Whitaker's Station, S. C.

STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The asterisk (*) before certain Lodges indicates that the dates of regular Communications are taken from last returns received previous to the year 1884.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's	1	Second Tuesday in each month.
*Royal White Hart,	2	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
*St. John's	3	Second Wednesday evening.
Charity	5	First Monday, June 24, December 27.
Unanimity	7	First Tuesday evening, June 24, December 27.
Phœnix	8	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
American George	17	First Thursday evening.
Phalanx	31	Second and fourth Monday, June 24, December 27.
Davie	39	Saturday before third Sunday.
Hiram	40	Third Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Hall	53	First Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M.
King Solomon	56	First Saturday.
Concord	58	First and third Friday evenings.
Kilwinning	64	First Monday night, June 24, December 27.
Widow's Son	75	Third Saturday morning.
Greensboro	76	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Zion	81	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Fellowship	84	Second Saturday.
Morning Star	85	Fourth Saturday.
Skewarkey	90	Second Tuesday evening.
Western Star	91	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Joseph Warren	92	First Thursday.
Jerusalem	95	Second Saturday.
St. John's	96	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Wake Forest	97	Friday before second Sunday.
Hiram	98	Third Friday morning.
Fulton	99	First and third Friday evenings.
Perquimans	106	Every Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
Clinton	107	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Belmont	108	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Franklin	109	First Monday evening.
Wayne	112	First and third Monday evenings.
St. Alban's	114	Not stated.
Holly Spring	115	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Lebanon	117	First and Third Monday.
Mount Hermon	118	First Friday evening.
Franklinton	123	Last Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek	125	First Friday morning.
Blackmer	127	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Hanks	128	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Radiance	132	Third Saturday.
Mocksville	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Lincoln	137	First Monday evening.
King Solomon	138	Second Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Energy	140	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Carolina	141	First Friday evening after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Junaluska	145	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Palmyra	147	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Adoniram	149	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
White Stone	155	Fourth Saturday, at 11 A. M.
Rolesville	156	First Saturday.
Mount Pleasant	157	Saturday before first Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Knap of Reeds	158	Saturday before third Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Rock Rest	161	Second Saturday, at 3 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Yadkin	162	First Saturday night after first full moon.
Deep River	164	Second Saturday evening.
Archer	165	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Winston	167	Second Monday evening.
Blackmer	170	Saturday on or before each full moon, June 24, December 27.
Buffalo	172	Second Saturday evening.
George Washington,	174	Saturday before fourth Sunday, December 27.
Polloksville	175	First Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Mecklenburg	176	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Siloam	178	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Sandy Creek	185	First Saturday.
*Pine Forest	186	First Saturday evening.
Central Cross	187	Second Saturday, December 27.
*Fair Bluff	190	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Granite	191	Third Saturday.
Burnsville	192	Saturday before full moon, at 6 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Cary	198	Saturday evening before second Sunday.
Eagle Rock	201	Third Saturday.
Cleveland	202	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Roanoke	203	First Thursday, at 8 o'clock P. M.
Berea	204	Saturday before second Sunday, June 24, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
*Mingo	206	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Lebanon	207	Saturday, at 3 P. M., on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Randleman	209	Saturday evening after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Richland	214	Saturday evening before full moon.
William G. Hill	218	Second and fourth Monday evenings, December 27.
*Stokesburg	220	First Saturday.
*Webster	222	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
*County Line	224	Friday on or before full moon.
Wilson	226	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Jonesville	227	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
McCormick	228	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Corinthian	230	First Thursday evening.
William T. Bain	231	Saturday before third Sunday.
Lenoir	233	First Thursday.
Anchor	234	Saturday before second Sunday, December 27.
Cokesbury	235	Saturday before first Sunday.
Mystic Tie	237	Tuesday evening before full moon.
Atlantic	238	Fourth Saturday.
Rountree	243	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Monroe	244	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
*New Bern	245	Third Wednesday.
Pythagoras	249	First Thursday.
Rockford	251	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Lily Valley	252	Fourth Saturday.
Lee	253	First Saturday, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beulah	257	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Harnett	258	Friday evening before second Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Waynesville	259	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Excelsior	261	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Hibriten	262	Thursday before full moon, June 24, December 27.
*Gaston	263	Friday evening after full moon.
Farmington	265	Second Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
Durbin	266	Second Friday.
Dunn's Rock	267	Friday on or before full moon, at 6:30 P. M., June 24, December 27.
*East Bend	269	Saturday on or before full moon.
Tabasco	271	Saturday before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mebaneville	272	First Saturday evening.
Watauga	273	Friday evening before full moon, Monday evening of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beaver Dam	276	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Green Level	277	Saturday before second Sunday.
Colesville	278	Friday before second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Rehoboth	279	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Sapona	280	Fourth Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Eureka	283	First Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Greenville	284	First Thursday, at 11 o'clock A. M., and first and third Monday evenings.
*Castalia	286	Fourth Saturday.
Salem	289	First Thursday evening, June 24, December 27.
French Broad	292	Friday on or before full moon.
Vance	293	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Atlantic	294	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.
Stonewall	296	Saturday before third Sunday.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Edgecombe	298	Fourth Thursday.
Hunting Creek	299	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Pamlico	300	First Saturday morning.
Clay	301	Saturday on or before full moon.
Evergreen	303	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Pleasant Hill	304	First Saturday morning.
Laurinburg	305	Thursday on or before full moon.
Galatia	306	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Patterson	307	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Randolph	309	Saturday on or before full moon.
Hatcher	310	Third Saturday.
†Notla	312	Third Saturday, at 10 A. M.
King Solomon	313	First Saturday.
New Lebanon	314	First Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Jerusalem	315	Saturday evening before first Sunday, December 27.
*Kinston	316	First and third Monday evenings.
*Eureka	317	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Wilmington	319	Third Tuesday evening.
Selma	320	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
White Hill	321	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Granite	322	First and third Saturday evenings.
Wentworth	324	Saturday before third Sunday, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Falling Creek	325	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Winton	327	Saturday before second Sunday.
*Mattamuskeet	328	Fourth Saturday, at 1 P. M.
Fayetteville	329	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Black Creek	330	Third Saturday.
Bayboro	331	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Lock's Creek	333	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Ash Pole	335	Second Saturday.
Ionic	337	Monday evening on or before full moon.
*Palmyra	338	First Wednesday.
Fairview	339	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Harmony	340	First Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Rock Spring	341	Saturday on or before full moon.
Cedar Fork	342	Saturday before third Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Hickory	343	Friday evening before full moon.
Numa F. Reid	344	Saturday on or before full moon.
Trap Hill	346	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Mourne	347	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Stanly	348	First and third Saturday evenings, June 24, December 27.
Durham	352	Second Tuesday evening, June 24, December 27.
Moravian	353	Friday evening on or before full moon.
*Euno	354	Saturday before fourth Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Dellaplane	355	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Double Shoal	356	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Bakersville	357	Tuesday before full moon, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
East La Porte	358	Saturday on or before full moon.
Mt. Vernon	359	Second Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Mayon	360	Third Saturday.
*Acacia	361	Wednesday evening on or before full moon.
Iredell	362	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Snow	363	Friday evening after full moon.
*Cumberland	364	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Craighead	366	First and third Saturdays.
*Jachin	367	First Saturday.
Mount Pisgah	368	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
*Mars Hill	370	Saturday on or before full moon.
Olive Branch	371	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Elk	373	Saturday after each full moon, at 1 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Campbell	374	First Saturday.
State Line	375	Saturday on or before full moon.
Youngsville	377	Saturday before first Sunday.
Seaboard	378	Thursday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Coharie	379	First Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M.
Granville	380	Fourth Saturday afternoon.
Forest City	381	Tuesday evening on or before full moon.
Shawnee	382	Monday on or before full moon.
Statesville	383	First and third Tuesday evenings, June 24, Dec. 27.
Reidsville	384	Monday evening before full moon.
Scottsville	385	Not stated.
Pigeon River	386	First Thursday evening after full moon.
Kedron	387	Thursday on or before full moon.
Mooresboro	388	Not stated.
Temperance	389	Third Saturday.
Copeland	390	Saturday evening after full moon.
Lebanon	391	First and third Saturday evenings after full moon.
White Rock	392	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Tally Ho	393	Saturday before third Sunday, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Cape Fear	394	Fourth Saturday, December 27.
Orient	395	First and Third Wednesday evenings.
Oxford	396	First Monday evening.

ABSTRACT of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic Year ending October 31, 1884.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
St. John's	1			1	2					10	2		71		71	$ 35 50
Royal White Hart	2															
St. John's	3															25 00
Charity	5	3	2	2	1						2		62		62	31 00
Unanimity	7	1	1	1		1			9	1	1		33	18	51	16 00
Phœnix	8	2	1	1	4					3	1		39		39	19 50
Johnson Caswell	10															
American George	17	1	1										35	8	43	17 50
Phalanx	31	1			1					7		1	83	34	117	41 50
Stokes	32															
William R. Davie	37															
Davie	39	3	6	3				1				2	35	1	36	17 50
Hiram	40				1				8		1		63		63	31 50
Hall	53											1	44	1	45	22 00
King Solomon	56	3	1	4	1						1		70	1	71	35 00
Concord	58			2							2		46		46	23 00
Perseverance	59															
Kilwinning	64										2		30		30	14 50
Scotland Neck	68															
Eagle	71															
Widow's Son	75				1				1		1		42	5	47	21 00
Greensboro	76	4	4	4	1	1					1	1	39	23	62	19 50

Zion	81	4	4	4						4			38	1	39	19 00
Fellowship	84	1	1		2	1				1		1	32	12	44	16 00
Morning Star	85				1		1		25		2		23		23	25 00
Skewarkey	90									1			19	7	26	9 50
Western Star	91	3	3	3	1					3	1	3	48		48	24 00
Joseph Warren	92	2	2	2					4		1		39	6	45	19 50
Jerusalem	95												26	6	32	13 00
St. John's	96	2	2	2	1	1			1	2	2		46	14	60	23 00
Wake Forest	97	1									1		22		22	11 00
Hiram	98	1	1	2	1					2	3		51	16	67	25 00
Fulton	99	1	1		2					1			37	30	67	18 50
Perquimans	106									1			15	10	25	7 50
Clinton	107									2	2	1	28	34	62	14 00
Belmont	108						1		1		1		28	11	39	14 00
Franklin	109		2	2		8				1	2		46	18	64	23 00
Wayne	112	2	2	1	2				2	2	3		38	30	68	19 00
Holly Spring	115												21		21	10 00
Mt. Lebanon	117	9	9	9	4						2		57		57	28 50
Mt. Hermon	118	11	9	8	7	2				2	3		71	41	112	30 00
Franklinton	123	2	1	1	1	2							26	16	42	19 00
Mill Creek	125	1	1	1					5				46	22	68	23 00
Blackmer	127					2			2	2			24	44	68	12 00
Hanks	128	2	2	2		1				1	2		37	20	57	18 50
Radiance	132										1		19	5	24	9 50
Mocksville	134												54	8	62	27 00
Lincoln	137												20	2	22	10 00
King Solomon	138	2	2	1					1		1	1	30	6	36	15 00
Mount Energy	140	1	1		1					2	1		27	8	35	13 50
Carolina	141										1		21	13	34	10 50
Junaluska	145	4	5	4						1	1		47		47	23 50
Palmyra	147					2			1	1			29	19	48	14 50
Adoniram	149									1	1		24	7	31	25 00
White Stone	155	2	2	2					1		2		35	8	43	17 50
Rolesville	156								1		1		20	1	21	10 00

ABSTRACT—Continued.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
Mount Pleasant	157	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	4	.....	2	2	52	2	54	$ 26 00
Knap of Reeds	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	5	5	.....	.....	18	31	49	9 00
Rock Rest	161	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	5 50
Yadkin	162	3	4	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	55	.....	55	27 50
Deep River	164	2	4	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	38	.....	38	19 00
Archer	165	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	23	11 00
Winston	167	2	1	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	1	102	.....	102	51 00
Blackmer	170	17	13	13	3	4	.....	1	1	.....	1	4	43	11	54	15 00
Buffalo	172	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	15	69	27 00
George Washington	174	3	2	2	6	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	36	14	50	18 00
Polloksville	175	4	4	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	34	17 00
Mecklenburg	176	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	17	4	21	17 50
Siloam	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	18	9 00
Sandy Creek	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	17	39	11 00
Central Cross	187	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	39	22	61	19 50
Granite	191	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	23	.....	23	25 00
Burnsville	192	17	16	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	79	1	80	39 50
Cary	198	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	30	.....	30	30 00
Eagle Rock	201	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	.....
Cleveland	202	7	9	8	4	1	.....	.....	3	7	1	2	76	8	84	38 00
Roanoke	203	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	23	11 50
Berea	204	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	2	4	2	.....	30	24	54	15 00

Mingo	206			1							1		28		28	14 00
Randleman	209									2	1		61	33	94	29 50
Richland	214			1		2							59	17	76	12 00
William G. Hill	218	1	1	1	3	1			5	4	4		92		92	
Wilson	226	2											22	3	25	11 00
Jonesville	227	1	1		1					1	1		27	25	52	27 50
McCormick	228	1	1	1						1	1		25	8	33	12 50
Corinthian	230												31		31	15 50
William T. Bain	231												19	4	23	9 50
Lenoir	233								6	1			30		30	15 00
Anchor	234	4	4	3	5						1		20	4	24	10 00
Cokesbury	235			1						1	1		18	11	29	9 00
Mystic Tie	237	14	13	10	8								31	8	39	15 50
Atlantic	238	12	5						2				57	4	61	28 50
Rountree	243	1	2	3		1				5			46	3	49	23 00
Monroe	244	4	1						11	1	1	4	24	12	36	12 00
Pythagoras	249	2	2	3									16	13	29	8 00
Rockford	251									6			23		23	11 50
Lily Valley	252			4					3	2	2	1	34	18	52	17 00
Lee	253						1				1		57	6	63	28 50
Beulah	257	2	2	4									23	2	25	11 50
Harnett	258										1		15	5	20	7 50
Waynesville	259	2	2	3	1					11		2	55	8	63	27 50
Excelsior	261	1	2	2	1						2		22	6	28	11 00
Hibriten	262												34	14	48	17 00
Farmington	265	1	1	1	1		1			1			45	4	49	22 50
Durbin	266												15		15	8 00
Dunn's Rock	267	6	6	5	4			1		1			64	1	65	31 50
Tabasco	271	1		1									38	6	44	
Mebaneville	272				2								21	10	31	10 50
Watauga	273	4	4	3						2	1		61	2	63	30 50
Beaver Dam	276										1		29	1	30	14 50
Green Level	277												24		24	12 00
Colesville	278			1									37	6	43	18 50

ABSTRACT—Continued.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
Rehoboth	279	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	10	34	$ 12 00
Sapona	280	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	18	5	23	9 00
Eureka	283	1	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	6	40	17 00
Greenville	284	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	36	.....	36	18 00
Castalia	286	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	7	25	.....
Salem	289	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	38	5	43	19 00
French Broad	292	16	16	13	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	74	.....	74	37 00
Vance	293	6	6	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	72	.....	72	36 00
Atlantic	294	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	37	5	42	18 50
Stonewall	296	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	36	6	43	18 00
Edgecombe	298	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	21	.....	21	10 50
Hunting Creek	299	2	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	57	.....	57	28 50
Pamlico	300	3	6	5	.....	1	1	1	.....	5	.....	.....	22	4	26	11 00
Clay	301	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	1	31	31	62	15 50
Evergreen	303	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20	5	25	10 00
Pleasant Hill	304	4	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	1	21	10 00
Laurinburg	305	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	26	11	37	13 00
Galatia	306	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	.....	23	.....	23	.....
Patterson	307	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	23	2	25	11 50
Randolph	309	6	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	2	.....	61	4	65	30 50
Hatcher	310	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	29	1	30	14 50
King Solomon	313	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	42	.....	42	21 00

New Lebanon	314	7	7	7	1							1	38	4	42	$	19 00
Jerusalem	315	1	1	1									19		19		9 50
Wilmington	319	1		1						9	2		36		36		18 00
Selma	320												21	1	22		10 50
White Hill	321							1					20	10	30		10 00
Granite	322		1	1	7						1		24	29	53		12 00
Wentworth	324									1	1		27	4	31		13 50
Falling Creek	325	3	3	3						1			30	4	34		15 00
Winton	327								3	4		2	17	4	21		8 50
Fayetteville	329								2				25		25		12 50
Black Creek	330	1											18	1	19		9 00
Bayboro	331						1				1		35	3	38		17 50
Lock's Creek	333												20	4	24		6 75
Ash Pole	335											1	27	5	32		13 50
Ionic	337			1		1							20	1	21		10 50
Fairview	339	1	2	1								1	19	2	21		9 50
Harmony	340					1			3	1			26	19	45		13 00
Rock Spring	341	1	1	1							1		32	2	34		16 00
Cedar Fork	342				1	1				1			17		17		8 50
Hickory	343				1					3			28	5	33		14 00
Numa F. Reid	344	5	4	4	3					1		2	44	7	51		22 00
Trap Hill	346	3	4	3	1				1				47	5	52		23 50
Mount Mourne	347	1					1	1				1	22		22		11 00
Stanly	348	6	6	5					10	12	1	2	47	4	51		23 50
Durham	352		1	1	1								45	2	47		22 50
Moravian	353		2							1			23		23		11 50
Dellaplane	355		1	1						1			28	2	30		14 00
Double Shoal	356	3								2			28	2	30		14 00
Bakersville	357	19	22	27	1								60		60		30 00
East La Porte	358											2	31		31		15 50
Mt. Vernon	359	2	3	1						4	2	3	19		19		9 50
Mayon	360												40	9	49		20 00
Iredell	362		1	1	1								21	2	23		10 50
Snow	363	4	6	6	1			2		1			55	3	58		27 00

ABSTRACT—Continued.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
Craighead	366	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	17	.....	17	$ 8 50
Mount Pisgah	368	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	24	3	27	12 00
Mars Hill	370	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Olive Branch	371	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1	16	7 50
Elk	373	1	.....	6	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	6	34	14 00
Campbell	374	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	27	2	29	13 00
State Line	375	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	6 00
Youngsville	377	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	19	8	27	9 50
Seaboard	378	1	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	19	5	24	9 50
Coharie	379	5	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	16	3	19	8 00
Granville	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	22	8	30	11 00
Forest City	381	17	17	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	4	23	.....	23	11 50
Shawnee	382	2	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	3	19	8 00
Statesville	383	5	4	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	25	19	44	12 50
Reidsville	384	2	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	25	47	11 00
Scottsville (U. D.)	385	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	10	19	.....
Pigeon River (U. D.)	386	6	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	14	.....	14	.....
Kedron (U. D.)	387	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8	.....
Mooresboro (U. D.)	388	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1	8	.....
Temperance (U. D.)	389	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8	.....
Copeland (U. D.)	390	8	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	.....
Lebanon (U. D.)	391	7	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	16	.....

White Rock (U. D.)	392	4	3	4									14		14
Tally Ho (U. D.)	393												10		10
Cape Fear (U. D.)	394	9	15	15									23		23
Orient (U. D.)	395	1	1	1									13		13
Oxford (U. D.)	396												16		16

$2,966.75

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1885,	119	
" " making returns in the year 1884,		186
" " from which returns were not received,		22
" " at work,		208

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1884, OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated,	384
Passed,	376
Raised,	380
Admitted in chartered Lodges,	134
Re-instated,	56
Suspended,	15
Expelled,	12
Excluded for non-payment of dues,	159
Withdrawn,	198
Died,	104
Rejected	64

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

Number of Members returned,	6,086
" Resident Masons not Members returned,	1,221
Whole number returned,	7,307
Add members (662) and non-affiliated Masons (100) as obtained from last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1884,	762
	8,069

The estimate of non-affiliated Masons not returned is discontinued, and the Grand Secretary reports only the number contained in returns last received.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

St. John's, No 1, J. W. Winn, J. S. Robinson.
Charity, No. 5, D. J. Lawrence, Wm. M. Sutton.
Unanimity, No. 7, J. S. Heidrick.
Phœnix, No. 8, I. B. Davis.
Hiram, No. 40, James H. Moore, Past Junior Grand Warden.
King Solomon, No. 56, Moses W. Bryant.
Concord, No. 58, E. Cromwell, W. H. Weathersby.
Kilwinning, No. 64, W. D. Smith, Jesse H. Guinn.
Widow's Son, No. 75, M. J. Overton.
Greensboro, No. 76, Peter Adams, Past Senior Grand Warden.
Morning Star, No. 85, W. W. Weaver, R. D. Wells.
Western Star, No. 91, James L. Rucker.
Joseph Warren, No. 92, B. H. Lane.
St. John's, No. 96, William C. Pittman, James Wilkins.
Wake Forest, No. 97, G. W. Norwood.
Hiram, No. 98, Bennett Brewer, John Vann, S. B. Parker.
Clinton, No. 107, Richard Ferguson, Allen Gunn.
Belmont, No. 108, J. W. Blount.
Franklin, No. 109, C. W. Hudgins, Jesse C. Piver.
Wayne, No. 112, N. B. Stanley, D. A. Powell, H. F. Grainger, Past Grand Master.
Mt. Lebanon, No. 117, H. C. Moss, H. T. Barnes.
Mt. Hermon, No. 118, J. H. Parker, Joseph Reed, Fred A. Worth.
Hanks, No. 128, John L. Coble, M. W. Coward.
Radiance, No. 132, Thomas Hughes.
King Solomon, No. 138, William Robitzsch.
Mount Energy, No. 140, W. B. Jeffreys.
Carolina, No. 141, C. C. Braswell.
Junaluska, No. 145, W. L. Love.
Adoniram, No. 149, L. B. Stone.
White Stone, No. 155, Wesley Privett, W. S. Chieves.
Rolesville, No. 156, G. L. Peebles.
Mount Pleasant, No. 157, J. O. Harrison, Sander Penny.
Yadkin, No. 162, Samuel May, J. W. Nicholson.
Deep River, No. 164, A. W. Leonard.
Winston, No. 167, W. Payne.
Blackmer, No. 170, W. R. Baird.
Central Cross, No. 187, W. F. Hollingsworth, William Hunt.
Burnsville, No. 192, T. J. Shepard.
Cary, No. 198, C. B. Walker.
Cleveland, No. 202, C. C. Eskridge.
Berea, No. 204, George Hobgood, James Philpott.

Mingo, No. 206, Robinson Ward.
New Salem, No. 209, Harrison Powell.
William G. Hill, No. 218, V. D. Lawrence, T. A. Kingsley, J. M. Rosenbaum, A. D. Royster.
Jonesville, No. 227, C. C. Benham.
McCormick, No. 228, M. J. Thomas.
Anchor, No. 234, D. R. Eatman.
Cokesbury, No. 235, G. W. Pegram.
Monroe, No. 244, J. M. Pistole.
Lily Valley, No. 252, Richard Arnold, John C. Wolfey.
Lee, No. 253, J. W. Watson.
Harnett, No. 258, J. C. Marcom.
Excelsior, No. 261, E. H. White, John G. Bloom.
Watauga, No. 273, J. W. Councill.
Beaver Dam, No. 276, J. C. Marsh.
Greenville, No. 284, W. J. Carman.
Atlantic, No. 294, M. G. Jones.
Stonewall, No. 296, J. R. Rollins.
Hunting Creek, No. 299, J. F. Couch.
Galatia, No. 306, Neill McArten.
Patterson, No. 307, J. M. Barnhardt.
Randolph, No. 309, M. J. Cox, P. C. Sanders.
Hatcher, No. 310, C. B. Bailey.
King Solomon, No. 313, Archie Malloy.
Wilmington, No. 319, A. A. Moffit, R. S. Radcliffe.
Granite, No. 322, C. W. Galloway.
Wentworth, No. 324, R. A. Ellington.
Bayboro, No. 331, J. W. Watson.
Rock Spring, No. 341, D. W. Shelton.
Stanly, No. 348, J. T. Redwine.
Mt. Vernon, No. 359, John Freeman, C. F. Davenport.
Youngsville, No. 377, R. C. Stone.
Coharie, No. 379, John Love Maxwell.
Statesville, No. 383, J. F. Harbin, R. M. Allison.

GRAND LODGES

In correspondence with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and names and addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Ed. C. Neufelder	Vancouver.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota Territory	Charles T. McCoy	Bon Homme.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	W. R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida	D. C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. E. Blackshear, M. D.	Macon.
Idaho Territory	Jonas W. Brown	Boise City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Rev. J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Louisville.
Louisiana	J. C. Batchelor, M. D.	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Mediary	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D Vincil, D. D.	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York City.
Nova Scotia	Benj. Curren, D. C. L.	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Masonic Temple, Phila.
Prince Edward Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.

Grand Lodges in Correspondence, &c.—(CONTINUED).

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah Territory	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory	John H. Symons	Laramie.

REPRESENTATIVES

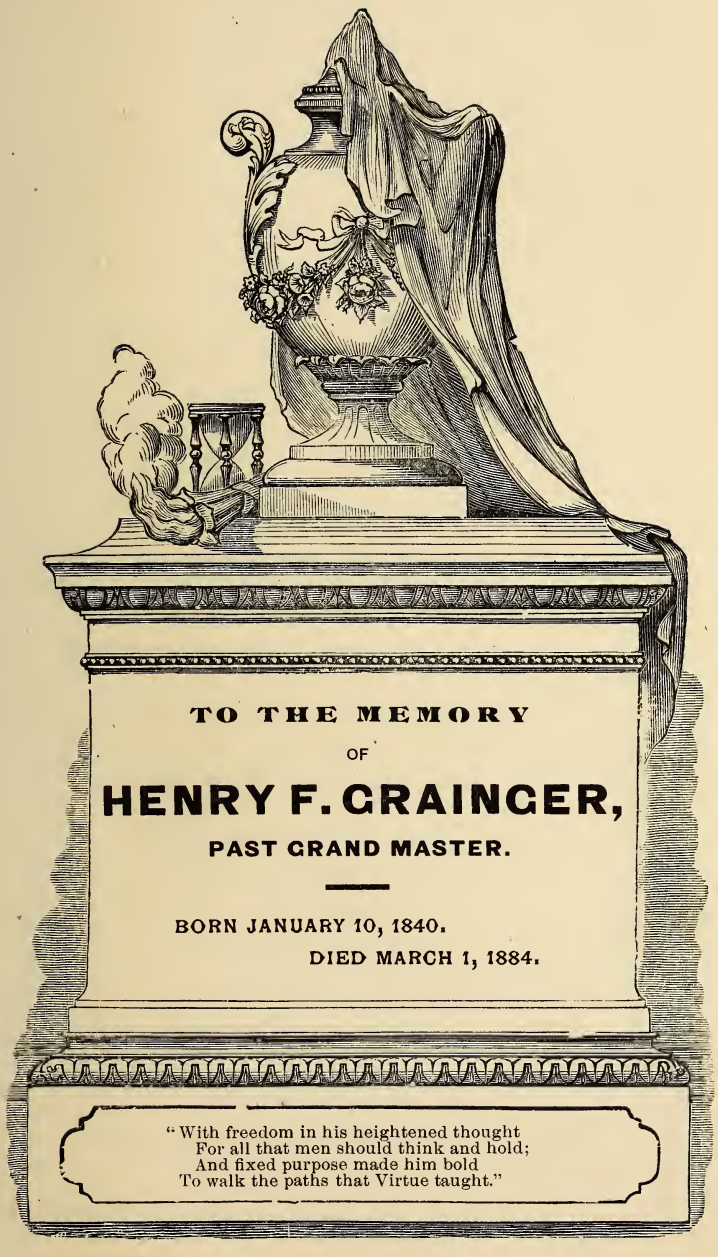
Of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near other Grand Lodges.

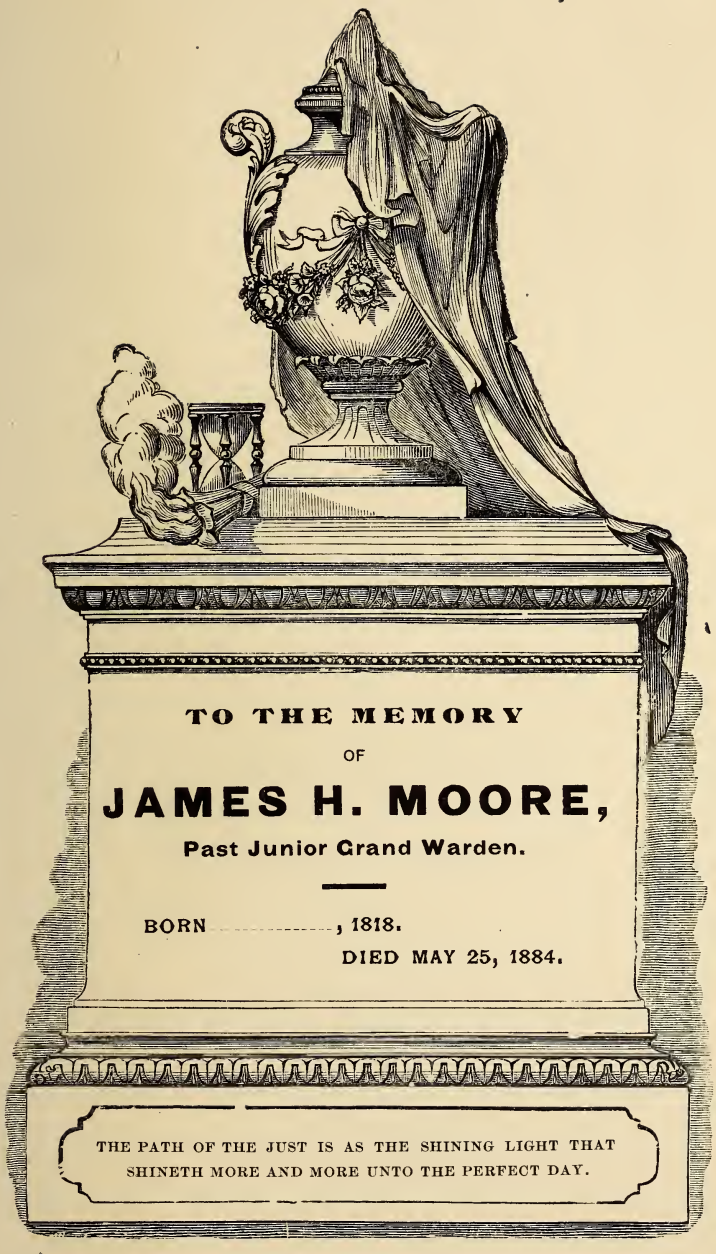
GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	George D. Norris, M. D.	New Market.
Arkansas	M. M. McGuire	Dardanelle.
Canada	Lawrence H. Henderson	Belleville, Ontario.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Florida	Zelotes H. Mason	Apopka.
Idaho	F. P. Cavanaugh	Hailey.
Illinois	Walter A. Stevens	Chicago.
Indiana	Elisha L. McLallen	Columbia City.
Kentucky	John D. Wickliffe	Bardstown.
Louisiana	Samuel M. Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Albert Moore	North Anson.
Maryland	Samuel Eccles, Jr	Baltimore.
Michigan	Marcus M. Atwood	Dansville.
Minnesota	William S. Combs	St. Paul.
Mississippi	A. H. Barkley	Crawfordsville.
Missouri	George E. Walker	Bonne Terre.
Nebraska	Robert W. Furnas	Brownsville.
New Jersey	William H. DeWolfe	Hackensack.
New York	Ellwood E. Thorne	New York.
Nova Scotia	Henry Despard	
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	Joseph L. Dyer	Alberton.
Rhode Island	John P. Sanborn	Newport.
South Carolina	W. W. Humphrey	Anderson.
Tennessee	Jonathan S. Dawson	Paris.
Vermont	Nathan P. Bowman	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	Alfred R. Courtney	Richmond.
Wisconsin	Thomas McWilliams	Eagle.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Arkansas	Fabius H. Busbee	Raleigh.
Brazil	Robert W. Best	Raleigh.
Canada	George W. Blount	Wilson.
Chili	John Nichols	Raleigh.
Connecticut	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Florida	John Nichols	Raleigh.
Georgia	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Idaho	J. H. Mills	Thomasville.
Illinois	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Indiana	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
Iowa	Charles H. Robinson	Wilmington.
Kentucky	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Louisiana	Robert B. Vance	Asheville.
Maryland	Henry M. Cowan	Raleigh.
Michigan	Robert Bingham	Bingham School.
Minnesota	Eugene Grissom	Raleigh.
Missouri	Robert W. Best	Raleigh.
New Jersey	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
New York	Robert W. Lassiter	Oxford.
Nova Scotia	Thomas S. Kenan	Wilson.
Pennsylvania	William R. Cox	Raleigh.
Prince Edward Island		
Rhode Island	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville.
South Carolina		
Tennessee	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Texas	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Virginia	William E. Anderson	Raleigh.
Wisconsin	John Nichols	Raleigh.


TO THE MEMORY
OF
HENRY F. GRAINGER,
PAST GRAND MASTER.
BORN JANUARY 10, 1840.
DIED MARCH 1, 1884.
"With freedom in his heightened thought
For all that men should think and hold;
And fixed purpose made him bold
To walk the paths that Virtue taught."


TO THE MEMORY
OF
JAMES H. MOORE,
Past Junior Grand Warden.
BORN ....., 1818.
DIED MAY 25, 1884.
THE PATH OF THE JUST IS AS THE SHINING LIGHT THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

AT

New Berne, June 17th, 1884,

Jackson, June 24th, 1884,

Near Kinston, June 24th, 1884.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT NEW BERNE.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, at New Berne, North Carolina, on Tuesday, June 17, A. D. 1884, A. L. 5884, at 4 o'clock P. M., by order of the Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W.,	A. W. WOOD, Special Deputy,	*as Grand Master.*
R. W.,	T. A. HENRY,	" *Deputy Grand Master.*
"	C. W. BECKWITH,	" *Senior Grand Warden.*
"	J. H. HACKBURN,	" *Junior Grand Warden.*
"	T. A. GREEN,	" *Grand Treasurer.*
"	E. G. HILL,	" *Grand Secretary.*
Bro.	VAN WINDER SHIELDS,	" *Grand Chaplain.*
"	W. F. ROUNTREE,	" *Senior Grand Deacon.*
"	T. F. McCARTHY,	" *Junior Grand Deacon.*
"	S. R. STREET, Jr.,	" *Grand Marshal.*
Bros.	THOMAS WILSON, J. B. ERNUL,	" *Grand Stewards.*
Bro.	W. S. GASKINS,	" *Grand Tiler.*
"	J. A SIMPSON,	" *Grand Architect.*
"	JOHN WALKER,	*Bearer of Great Light.*
"	JAMES A. MANWELL,	*Bearer Book of Constitution.*

Representatives were in attendance from Lodges No. 245, No. 96, No. 175, No. 319, and No. 359. Visiting brethren from No. 31, New London, Conn., No. 491, Centennial Lodge, Tenn.

The object of the Communication, as stated by the Grand Master, was to lay the corner-stone of the new Graded School being built in New Berne. After the Grand Master had made his appointments, the procession was formed and moved to the new building on the Academy Green, and the procession reversed order and the Grand Officers took their position at the stone, the brethren forming a line on the north and south. W. H. Oliver,

Esq., the Chairman of the Building Committee, presented the Grand Master with the box to be placed in the vault and addressed him briefly, asking him to lay the corner-stone.

The Grand Master having signified his assent, advanced and made a suitable response.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. V. W. Shields.

The box containing the articles was placed in the vault of the stone by the Grand Treasurer, and the corner-stone was then laid according to the prescribed forms of the Order. The procession returned to the Hall of St. John's Lodge, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A. W. WOOD,
Acting Grand Master.

EDWIN GEACH HILL,
Grand Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT JACKSON.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the Court-house in Jackson, North Carolina, on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, A. D. 1884, A. L. 5884, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

M. W., ROBERT BINGHAM,..... .....*Grand Master.*
R. W., R. T. STEPHENSON,.....*as Deputy Grand Master.*
" W. E. WOODRUFF,.....*" Senior Grand Warden.*
" J. C. TINES,..... .....*" Junior Grand Warden.*
" T. A. LAMAR, ...*" Grand Treasurer*
" M. F. STANCELL,.....*" Grand Secretary.*
BRO. C. E. HOBDAY,..... .....*" Grand Chaplain.*
" G. S. URQUHART,.....*" Senior Grand Deacon.*
" T. R. HARGRAVE,.....*" Junior Grand Deacon.*
" J. L. HARRIS, ...*" Grand Marshal.*
" J. W. NEWSOM,.....*" Grand Sword Bearer.*
" A. E. PEELE,..... .....*" Grand Steward.*
" B. D. STANCELL,..... .....*" Grand Steward.*
" C. B. COCKE,.....*" Grand Tiler.*

Representatives were in attendance from Davie Lodge, No. 39; Charity, No. 5; American George, No. 17; Seaboard, No. 378.

The Grand Master announced the purpose of this Special Communication to be to lay the corner-stone and dedicate the new Hall of King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, at this place.

After the usual preliminary arrangements and announcements, the Grand Lodge moved in procession according to Masonic usage, to the hall, where the corner-stone was laid according to the forms of the Order, and after prayer and benediction by the

acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the hall of King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, where a large audience had gathered to witness the dedication of the new hall.

The usual ceremonies being observed, the M. W. Grand Master, agreeable to ancient form, dedicated King Solomon Hall. A solemn invocation was then made to the Throne of Grace by the acting Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, followed by an oration by the Grand Master.

R. BINGHAM,
Grand Master.

M. F. STANCELL,
Grand Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION NEAR KINSTON.

Abstract of proceedings of Special Communication of Grand Lodge at the hall of Rountree Lodge, No. 243, near Kinston, N. C., June 24, 1884.

Brother Frederick Harding having been deputized by the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, opened the Grand Lodge in due form, with brethren Allen Johnson, S. G. W., L. H. Wilson, J. G. W., W. H. Rountree, Grand Treasurer, E. J. Brooks, Grand Secretary, S. W. Brooks, S. G. D., J. J. B. Cox, J. G. D., L. Kilpatrick, G. Tiler, W. W. Dunn, D. G. M., P. N. Pittman, Grand Architect, M. C. Smith and J. L. Kilpatrick, Grand Stewards.

The services of dedicating the hall of Rountree Lodge, No. 243, to the uses of Masonry, were performed, after which the procession moved to the Baptist Church and listened to a very able Masonic address by the Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D., of New Berne, after which the Grand Lodge reässembled in the hall of Rountree Lodge, and was closed in due form.

FRED. HARDING,
Acting Grand Master.

E. J. BROOKS,
Grand Secretary pro tem.

APPENDIX.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MASONIC CODE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge, at its late Annual Communication, adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary print as an appendix in the proceedings of this Annual Communication, the changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Edicts since the publication of the Code.

In compliance with this resolution, the Grand Secretary incorporates the amendments of, and additions to, the Code since its adoption at the Annual Communication of 1875, giving the sections as they now exist :

CONSTITUTION.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS—MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND LODGE.

Past Grand Officers mentioned in Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution, are entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge, so long as they comply with Article XVIII, Section 1, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and the other rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the craft.

[Construction by Grand Lodge of Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution—1877.]

Section 3, [Additional.] Article II. Adopted by Lodges in 1884 and 1885.

"A Deputy Grand Master shall be annually chosen in the same manner and by the same vote as required for the election of Grand Master."

Former section 4 is amended by striking out the words "his deputy and." The section as amended provides that "the Grand Master shall appoint and commission the Grand Lecturers, under the seal of the Grand Lodge," etc.

Former sections 3 to 7 are renumbered 4 to 8.

[Construction of Article X of the Constitution, by Grand Master Grainger, in Grand Lodge, Annual Communication—1882.]

By Article X of the Constitution, "no new charter shall be granted but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons." By Section 1, Article VI of the By-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, "dispensations for new Lodges may be granted upon petition to the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, of not less than seven worthy Master Masons." Seven worthy and approved Master Masons being the smallest number to whom the Grand Lodge can grant a charter, or the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master a dispensation for a new Lodge, it follows that, whenever the membership of any Lodge is reduced by any cause below seven, its legal existence thereupon ceases, and it cannot thenceforth do any work or transact any business whatever. Its property, furniture, jewels, funds, &c., become forfeited to the Grand Lodge, to be taken into possession and disposed of as directed in cases of suspension or demise of a Lodge.

GENERAL LAWS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Article IV, Section 1. The Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh, on the second Tuesday of January, in each and every year.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Section 8, Paragraph 2d.

A Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Miscellaneous Subjects, to whom shall be referred immediately after their receipt by the Grand Secretary, all foreign communications and such miscellaneous matters as may not otherwise be specially disposed of, and who shall be required to submit their report on the second day of the next succeeding Annual Communication; and the Chairman shall be paid such compensation for his services as may be agreed upon by the Grand Lodge.

Paragraph 5th. *A Committee on Jurisprudence*, to consist of five, to serve until the succeeding Annual Communication, to whom shall be submitted all questions of Masonic law not requiring the decisions of the Grand Master. All amended by-laws, and all questions of law and usage recommended by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, and which, if recommended by said committee, and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, shall be recognized as the law in this jurisdiction. And said committee shall report to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication next succeeding their appointment, on the second day of the session, all decisions made by them during the year, and all necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of these duties shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

[Additional Paragraph.]

8th. *A Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions*, and *A Committee on Propositions and Grievances*, to be appointed by the Grand Master before the close of each

Annual Communication. These committees shall meet in the city of Raleigh at least one day before the assembling of the Grand Lodge; and all transcripts and other papers to be referred to said committees shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary thirty days previous to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and any Lodge or individual failing to comply with this paragraph can only be heard by special permission of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

Section 2. The dimits of petitioners for a dispensation for a new Lodge must accompany the petition. When a Lodge has forfeited its charter and sent its records to the Grand Secretary, the former members of said Lodge may, upon a petition setting forth the said facts, become members of the nearest Lodge, or petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge.

Sec. 6. [Additional clause.] The Secretary shall not use the seal of the Lodge except by order of the Master or the Lodge, or according to law.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL RETURNS OF LODGES.

[Last two clauses.]

They shall embrace the workings and statistics of the Lodge for the year ending on the 31st day of October, corresponding with the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge, and shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the 25th day of November. A Lodge shall not be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge, except by special permission, until the returns are filed with, and all dues owing by the Lodge are fully paid to, the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

JURISDICTION OF LODGES.

Sec. 6. [Amendment.]

An air-line shall determine the territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges.

A Mason residing in this or another grand jurisdiction cannot be a member of a Lodge in both jurisdictions at the same time.

The jurisdiction of Lodges in adjoining towns is confined to the corporate limits of each.

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow-Craft of an extinct Lodge becomes the material of the nearest Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A Lodge under dispensation and the nearest chartered Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction over candidates for degrees, as two chartered Lodges in the same town have.

An Entered Apprentice who received that degree in another Grand Jurisdiction, his Lodge becoming dormant and he afterwards removing to this Grand Jurisdiction, cannot petition a Lodge in this Jurisdiction for the remaining degrees without the consent of the Grand Lodge from which he hailed, or its Grand Master.

PETITIONS FOR DEGREES.

Sec. 12. [Amended.] A petition once rejected shall not again be acted upon within one year. A candidate whose petition for the degrees has been rejected cannot petition another Lodge without the consent of the Lodge by which his petition was rejected.

First clause of Article XI, Section 1, amended to read as follows: The amount chargeable by the Subordinate Lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, shall not be less than fifteen dollars.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIALS AND PUNISHMENTS.

Section 1. [Amendment.]

A Mason under sentence of suspension can be tried and expelled for a masonic offense committed after his suspension.

Sec. 4. [Amendment.]

Any evidence, allowable in a court, may be taken on honor, and every facility shall be allowed the accused for his defence. Testimony taken in a court of law is not competent, and cannot be read in evidence against one accused of masonic crime in a trial by a Lodge, nor can the letters of a non-resident touching the case be so used unless by the consent of the accused and the Lodge. When the case is closed, the sense of the Lodge shall be taken through the ballot box. If guilty, the penalty shall be determined in like manner, requiring a vote of two-thirds present to expel and a majority to suspend. Conviction by a court of law does not authorize conviction by the Lodge.

EXCLUSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Sec. 12. [Paragraph 4 additional—adopted 1882.]

Any member dismembered shall be restored to membership by the payment of the full amount that may have accrued prior to, and during the time of, his dismemberment, unless the latter shall be remitted by a vote of the Lodge; and this amendment, as to restoration to membership, shall apply to members heretofore excluded for the non-payment of dues."

Construction of Grand Master of foregoing amendment—Annual Communication, 1884:

"It was not the intention of the Grand Lodge to deprive the Subordinate Lodges of the right to vote upon the petitions for membership of those excluded for non-payment of dues."

ARTICLE XIV.

Sec. 3. [Amendment.]

When the accused employs counsel, the accuser may, with the consent of the Lodge, employ counsel to prosecute.

Sec. 7. APPEALS. A mason, whose appeal from the sentence of a Lodge is sustained by the Grand Lodge, is acquitted and entitled to the privileges of his Lodge as though there had not been a trial. The appeal vacates the judgment and the sustaining of the appeal by the Grand Lodge is vindication of the accused.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DIMITS.

Sec. 3. Any member of a Subordinate Lodge who may apply for a dimit shall be granted the same upon his producing the Secretary's receipt that he has paid all Lodge dues, if there be no charges against him: *Provided*, That any Mason who thus becomes non-affiliated, by his action distinctly releases all members of Lodges from any and all Masonic ties between himself and them, retaining no Masonic right except that of petitioning any Lodge for membership. If, upon application for a demit, a member of the Lodge shall announce his purpose to prefer charges against the applicant, and state the substance of the same, a reasonable time shall be given the accuser in which to prefer the charges before the said application is acted on.

Sec. 4. A certificate of dimission is not legal unless it bears the seal of the Lodge by which it is issued.

Sec. 5. [Additional.]

A dimit shall take effect at the time the application for the same is acted upon by the Subordinate Lodge, and the time of its actual delivery by the Secretary has no bearing on its status.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASSESSMENTS IN LODGES.

Assessments upon the members of a Lodge for masonic charity is not unconstitutional.

REMISSION OF ANNUAL DUES OF LODGES.

All applications of Subordinate Lodges for the remission of dues shall be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and shall not be considered by the Grand Lodge until acted upon by said Committee.

SUSPENSION OF CHARTERS—STATUS OF MEMBERS.

The suspension of the charter of a Lodge shall not work detriment to the masonic character of its members. They can visit and enjoy the rights and privileges of regular members.

[This does not apply to the members of Lodges whose charges have been or may be forfeited or surrendered.]

UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHARITY FUND AND RELIEF.

Sec. 2. [Add as last clause.]

The marriage of a Mason's widow annuls her claims as such to masonic charity, but does not affect the rights of the children.

ARTICLE XVI.

[Additional Paragraph.]

18. Every member in good standing is entitled to vote on his own petition for a dimit. Every member present must vote. If he does not desire to vote the Master can permit him to retire until after the vote is taken.

INDEX.

This index refers to the journal of proceedings contained in pages 3 to 53, both inclusive.

A

PAGE.

Accounts and Claims—Committee on—Appointed,..... 22
" " Report of Committee on—Adopted,..... 30
Address of Grand Master—Referred,.....7—10
" " " Report of Committee on—Adopted,.....22—23
Amendment to Constitution—Grand Secretary's report,..... 13
" Code—Annual Communication—Presented,..... 22
" " " " Rejected, ... 33
" " Article XI, Section 1 (Fees)—Presented,..... 24—25
" " " " " Adopted,.....30—31
Amendments to Code—Resolution to publish—Adopted,.. 52
Appeals—Committee on—Appointed,..... 25
" Report of Committee on—Adopted,..... 37

B

Bequests to Orphan Asylum—Reference to,.....16—17, 20—21

C

Champion, H. R., Master—Suspended by Grand Master,..... 8
" " Trial of,.....32, 37—38
Charters and Dispensations—Committee on—Announced, ... 21
" " Report of Committee No. 2—Adopted,.. 24
" " " " No. 1 " 25—26, 31
Charters issued,..... 31
Constitutional Amendment—Grand Secretary's report,..... 13
Credentials—Report of Committee on—Adopted,..... ....3—7
" Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 53

D

Decisions—Grand Master's address,..... 8
Dimits—Resolution concerning—Referred—Adopted,..... 42
Directors of Orphan Asylum—Motion to elect,. 34
" " " Election of,..... 42
" " " Eligibility of—Resolution concerning, ... 45

E

PAGE.

Eagle Lodge, No. 71 (Extinct)—Property of—Grand Master's address,... 8
" " " " Report on,..... 34
" " " " Recommitted to Com.,..... 36
Endowment Plan (General)—Resolution concerning—Presented,..... 24
" " " Committee on—Appointed,.....25, 32
" " " Report of Committee on—Adopted,.....45—50
Endowment of Orphan Asylum—Scheme presented,..... 24
" " " Report on (No. 14),..... 42
" " " Resolution to appoint Com.—Adopted,.. 51

F

Fees for Degrees—Resolution to reduce—Presented—Referred,.....24—25
" " " " Report of Com. on—Adopted, 30—31
Foreign Correspondence—Report on—Announcement of,.....31—32
" " Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 53
Fraternal Courtesy—Grand Secretary's report,..... 14

G

General Condition of the Order—Grand Master's address,..... 8
Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 74—Charter restored,..... 34
Grainger, H. F., Past Grand Master—Death of—Announced,..... 7
" " " " Report on—Adopted,.....38—39
Grand Lodge—Opening of,..... 3
" Closing of,..... 53
" Library of,..... 14
" Financial condition—Res. to appoint Com. on—Adopted, 24
" " " Committee on—Appointed,..... 24
" " " Report of Committee on—Rejected, 26
Grand Master—Address of—Referred,.....7—10
" " Report on,.....22—23
" Leave of,..... 22
Grand Officers—Election of,..... 33
" Installation of,.....39—40
" Appointment of,..... 40
Grand Representatives—Grand Secretary's report,..... 13
" Received,..... 52
Grand Secretary—Report of, &c.—Referred,.....10—14
" " Committee on—Appointed,..... 22
" " Report of Committee on—Adopted,... 30
Grand Treasurer—Report of—Referred, ...14—17
" Report of, &c.—Report of Committee on—Adopted,... 30

H

PAGE.
Hancock, George—Orphan—Death of announced,..... 18
Hatcher, B. W., Grand Lecturer—Report of—Filed,..... 53

J

Jurisprudence—Reports of Committee on—Adopted,.....30—31, 42
" Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 52

L

Lodges—Establishment of—Grand Secretary's report, ... 11
" Extinct—Grand Secretary's report,.....11—12
" Removal of " " 12
" Returns of " " 12

M

Moore, James H., Past Junior Grand Warden—Death of—Announced,.. 7
" Report of Committee on—Adopted,..... 39

O

Obituaries—Committee on—Appointed, ... 25
" Report of Committee on—Adopted,.....38—39
Orphan Asylum—Grand Master's address,.....8—10
" Report of Board of Directors—Presented—Referred, 17—18
" Report of Superintendent—Presented—Referred,....18—21
" Committee on—Appointed,.....25, 32
" Report of Committee on—Adopted,.....40—42
" Report of Committee on Accounts of—Adopted,.....34—35
" Female Co-operation—Grand Master's address,..... 9
" " " Superintendent's report,..... 21
" " " Resolution concer'ng—Adopted, 23
" " " Committee on—Appointed,.. ... 25
" " " Report of Com. on—Adopted,... 27
" Industrial Education in—Grand Master's address,.....9—10
" Endowment of—Scheme presented—Referred,..... 24
" " Resolution to appoint Com.—Adopted, 51
" Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 53
Orphans' Friend—Superintendent's report,..... 19
" Resolution concerning—Adopted,..... 45

P

PAGE.
Powell Estate—Superintendent's report,..... 20
Printing—Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 53
Property of Extinct Lodges—Grand Master's address,..... 8
Propositions and Grievances—Report of Committee on—Adopted,..33—34, 43
" " Committee for 1885—Appointed,..... 53

Q

Quorum of Lodges—Resolution concerning—Presented—Referred,..... 27
" " " " Report on—Adopted,..... 42

R

Returns of Lodges—Committee on—Appointed,..... 32
" " Report of Committee No. 1—Adopted,.....51—52
" " " " No. 2 " .....35—36
" " " " No. 3 " 51
Revenue of Grand Lodge—Grand Secretary's report,.....12—13
Rice, C. D., Grand Lecturer—Report of—Presented,..... 23

S

Suspensions and Expulsions—Committee on—Appointed,..... 22
" " Report of Committee No. 1—Adopted,...43—45
" " " " No. 2 " 28—30, 37
" " Committee for 1885—Appointed, ... 53

T

Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122 (Extinct)—Property of donated to Oxford Lodge, No. 396,..... 36

U

Unfinished Business—Committee on—Appointed,.. 22
" " Report of Committee on—Adopted,..... 32

NOTE.—The Grand Secretary, in the name of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offers an apology for the absence of the report, which the Committee (Hon. James W. Reid) expected to have ready for publication with the proceedings. His work of preparing the report was necessarily suspended during his absence in Washington, as a member of the House of Representatives, and since adjournment of Congress he has given the report such attention as his urgent public duties would admit. The report is promised in a short time and will, by order of the Grand Master, be published in a separate pamphlet.

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.